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3. Who wrote the book, "They found the Church There"?
4. What is now available to nine-tenths of the human race?
5. Who is now interim pastor in New Haven, Conn.?
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7. What is Yaz Salata?
8. In what year was the American Constitution adopted?
9. What are kabobs?
10. Who was supervisor of obstetrics at the Fox Hospital?

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14. What manifesto was adopted at Copenhagen in 1947?
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16. What nurses' home can accommodate 80 students?
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LAST year 34 countries participated in the world-wide observance of Universal Bible Reading, from Thanksgiving Day to Christmas, with Universal Bible Sunday midway between. The same period will be observed this year. December 10th is Universal Bible Sunday. See announcement on page 602.

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In This Issue

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months that recorded subscription losses during the nearly 18 years (214 months) of present magazine management.

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The second record broken in October is the advertising, which produced the gross revenue of \$1,804.35, the largest advertising revenue in a single month to be recorded in MISSIONS' history. Advertising revenue could easily be much greater if MISSIONS were to lower its standards.

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LETTERS

From the Editor's Mail Bag

In your fine editorial "Almost the Perfect Congress," you say that the ecumenical emphasis at the Baptist World Congress in Cleveland was limited to "a few isolated, feeble, timidly phrased references." Have you read the outbursts of Southern Baptist editors against the pageant? There were many other direct references to ecumenicity throughout the Congress. Dr. McKinney and I mentioned it in our welcoming addresses. Dr. Potat emphasized it strongly on Saturday night. Dr. Taylor, the Youth Session, Dr. Dahlberg, Prof.



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Davies, Dr. McCutcheon, and Prof. Westin, all had definite and strongly worded statements on ecumenicity. I call your attention to these references for a special reason. When planning for this Congress I was specifically told that if the ecumenical note were sounded at Cleveland it would split the Congress wide open. The ecumenical note was sounded and it did not split anything. Except from Southern Baptist editors there has not been a critical letter to me from the South and I have received literally hundreds of congratulatory messages from Southern Baptists. Only their editors lagged behind in defending parochialism. *This proves again that even among Baptists the people are ahead of their leaders!* One other correction needs mention. It relates to the entertainment of the Alliance Executive Committee, its consultants, and guests. The Cleveland General Committee of Arrangements provided this hospitality at the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church as well as the entertainment of the Pre-Congress Commissions.—Rev. D. R. Sharpe, Cleveland, Ohio.

NOTE—MISSIONS acknowledges the reference cited by Dr. Sharpe but still maintains that the ecumenical emphasis at Cleveland was feeble, inadequate, out of touch with the desperate, agonizing search of humanity for global

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Three Foreign Students at Franklin College

These three foreign students have come with excellent speaking and writing knowledge of the English language. In every way they have adjusted themselves harmoniously and happily to the life on the Franklin College campus. They are just the sort of happy, friendly, charming people that they appear to be in the photograph. They and others like them will be the college friends of the students who enter Franklin College next September.

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unity (*not organic union*), and timidly expressed. The program should have included at least one outstanding speaker from another denomination to express Baptist recognition of the world fellowship of Christianity.—Ed.

With reference to your editorial "Almost the Perfect Congress", yes, we Baptists realize that we "are part of the total Christian movement." But we feel that we can best serve this cause by maintaining our distinctive witness rather than by bowing down to the "ecumenical idol." We refuse to sell our Baptist heritage for a mess of ecumenical pottage.—Rev. George Riser, Lead, S. D.

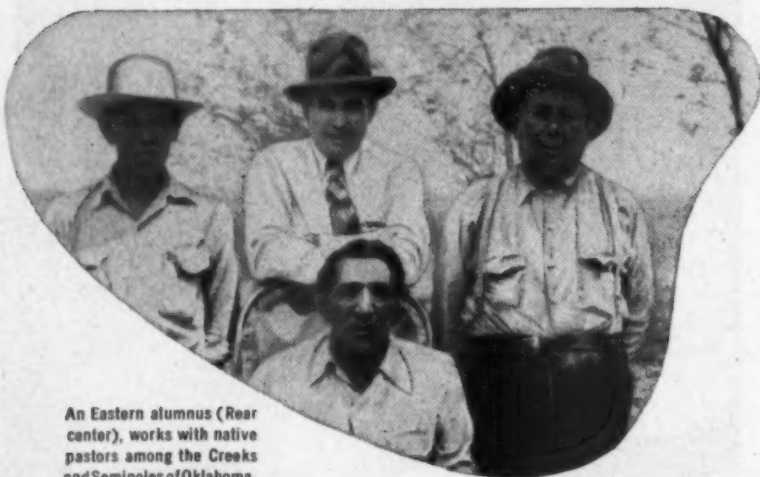
Your September issue gave a most interesting and faithful account of the

great Baptist World Congress in Cleveland. However I am puzzled over the statement about the choir from the Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. and its magnificent *akapello* singing." Is this something new under the sun or is it just an old style under a new name?—Bessie E. Kubach, Norwalk, Ohio.

NOTE—To Reader Kubach MIS-SIONS' apologies for being puzzled by a typographical error. The Calvary Choir sang "a capella" which means singing without instrumental accompaniment.—Ed.

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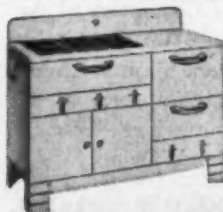


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Month by month I read MISSIONS with eagerness and profit and I am therefore ever grateful to you.—*Rev. T. Thomas Wylie*, Kalamazoo, Mich.

I am always interested in MISSIONS' editorials and I was greatly impressed by your editorial on the war in Korea. I find it hard to agree with the action of the United Nations. That organization was created for the purpose of trying to promote peace and not to participate in war.—*Mrs. Bertha G. Huse*, Houlton, Maine.

For several years the Woman's Federation of the First Baptist Church of Fall River, Mass., has put MISSIONS in the Fall River Public Library on an annual subscription.—*Dorothy R. Chase*, Somerset, Mass.

NOTE—A suggestion to other Societies to do likewise.—Ed.

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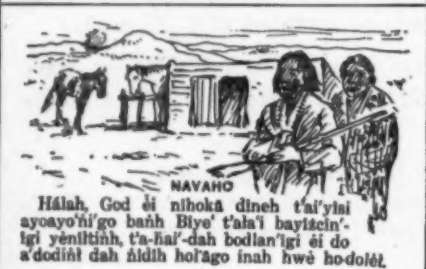
THE MEANING AND PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.—John 3: 16

The familiar and frequently cited quotation from the Gospel of John as it reads in 12 different languages. Since the Bible, in whole or in part, has been translated into more than 1,000 languages, dialects, tongues, and since the Gospel of John is one of the three books of the Bible most often translated, it means that almost every race, nation, tribe, or clan on earth can now read in its own language the story of Christmas and the purpose of God's revelation in Christ.

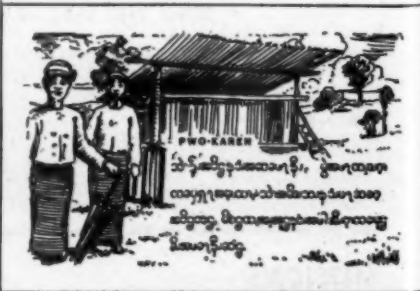


LEFT: Hebrew, Dutch, Navaho, Arabic, Russian. CENTER: Chinese, Japanese. RIGHT: Fiji, Greek, Zulu, Greenland, Karen



The 16th verse of the 3rd chapter of John's Gospel has probably been translated more often and into more languages than any single verse in the Bible

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In Need of Angels

THE prophet Micah never envisaged today's relations between the United States and Soviet Russia, allies in 1945 and enemies in 1950, when he prophesied strong nations beating swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, and foresaw an era in which nation would not lift up sword against nation, nor learn war any more, with every man sitting under his vine and his fig tree and nobody, anywhere, making him afraid.

By contrast, what could be more fantastic than what is happening now? A massive American armament program will soon convert into swords and tanks the steel that should go into plowshares and tractors. Micah's pruning hooks and all they figuratively represent—new gas ranges, radios, refrigerators, cars—all must relinquish metal to make rifles and bazookas. Instead of not learning war any more we undertake the greatest peacetime militarization program in American history. We may soon live in a garrison state. Who today can sit under vines and fig trees or in houses and apartments unafraid while fear of the superatomic bomb paralyzes our political and military leadership? "One bomb dropped on New York City would kill more than one million people," said Senator M. R. Tydings. Who can find comfort in his glib, retaliatory assurance that an American plane could fly to Moscow, drop its own bomb and kill one million Russians, and return without refueling?

The saddest fact of the American scene is that ten years of immeasurable sacrifices have availed nothing. "Vast armaments solve no

problems", said India's Hindu Prime Minister Nehru. "They contribute to evil. And as we try to meet it by armed strength we ourselves become infected by that evil." *That should have been said by a Christian!* All we can look forward to is peacetime military conscription of every 18-year-old boy, huge taxes to finance armament, a depreciating dollar, curtailed liberties, rigorous control over our lives, until at last we perish in the futile madness of the Third World War.

Into this kind of a world, fortunately at a time when all people may read it in their own tongue, comes again Christmas with its incredible divine answer to humanity's fears, its irrepressible longings, its ageless quest for peace. Today the Christian church, as trustee and witness of this Christmas gospel, faces a gloriously terrible opportunity. Only a little time is left. Militarism and feverish plans for war do not yet control everything. They have never subdued the Christian soul, nor crushed its will to peace. In that setting, with intimations of total destruction just around the corner, the Christmas message becomes both a gospel of hope and a warning of disaster. Only as men accept the Christmas revelation of God in Christ shall they not perish but have eternal life.

This year's Christmas might well dispense with ornaments and trimmings, holly wreaths and evergreen trees, stars of various shapes and brilliancies, and concentrate on one decorative, symbolic feature. Our world is in dire need of the Bethlehem angels as bearers of good will toward men and as harbingers of God's peace on earth.

The World Today

Current Events of Missionary Interest



FOREIGN STUDENTS ENROLLED AT KEUKA COLLEGE

TOP ROW: Anastasia Lekka, Greece; Ludmilla Malevich, Poland; Vivian Kang, Malaya; Mary Pirnia, Iran; Claudia Mubayyed, Syria. **CENTER ROW:** Elsie Can, Malaya; Grace Hau, Andy Tang, and Jib-jie Kao, China; Theresia Graf, Germany. **BOTTOM ROW:** Margaret Langmo, Norway; Bente Perret-Gentil, Denmark; Claude Provost, France; Carman Eglitis, Latvia; Ingrid Korjus, Estonia

Foreign Students At Keuka College

K EUKA COLLEGE for women, Penn Yan, N. Y., with its lovely campus on the shore of Lake Keuka, reports an enrolment of 15 foreign students. These charming girls come from 12 countries, eight from Europe and seven from Asia. On the return to their homelands they will be teachers or nurses or will engage in some other form of social service. Two girls are "displaced persons," because their native lands, Latvia and Estonia, have been absorbed into Soviet Russia. This year more than 25,000 foreign students are again enrolled in colleges and universities throughout the United States. Their presence here offers unusual opportunities for Americans to build international good will and interracial understanding. (*See editorial, "The World Flow of Students to the United States," MISSIONS, October, 1950, page 460*). What impressions of American life, attitudes, democratic

claims and practice, and Christian idealism these foreign students take back home will depend on the treatment accorded them while in our midst.

Russia and the United States Can and Sometimes Do Agree

IT should be encouraging to note that the United States and Soviet Russia can and occasionally they do agree and vote on the same side. Both voted in favor of admitting the Republic of Indonesia as a member of the United Nations. In the Security Council the vote was 10 to 0. The missing 11th vote should have been cast by China which reluctantly abstained from voting because Indonesia had recognized the present Communist Government as the legally constituted Government of China.

Indonesia thus becomes the 60th member state in the United Nations. The 59th was Israel, formerly known as Palestine, which was elected to membership last year.

Possibly encouragement of American and Russian agreement is a bit premature. Both nations may have voted in favor of Indonesian admission in order to gain Indonesia's friendship. Indonesia is still "an uncommitted country" in the world's gigantic ideological conflict between democracy and communism, and has not made up its mind whether to side with Russia or with the United States.

The election of Indonesia has favorable missionary implications. This vast area has been the field of highly successful foreign mission effort by the churches of Holland. Do you recall the mission study topic "Southeast Asia," for the year 1944-1945, and its interesting book, *They Found the Church There*, by H. P. Van Dusen. Indonesia, by joining the United Nations, must subscribe to its Charter and to its International Bill of Rights which guarantees full religious freedom. This is of supreme importance in this immense archipelago whose population of 70,000,000 includes 60,000,000 Mohammedans and 1,000,000 Christians (Protestant and Roman Catholic), the remainder being Hindus, Buddhists, and Animists.

Communism in India And American Surplus Wheat

ARE the American people really concerned, as they should be, over the possibility of communist advance in India? Do they sense any ominous significance in the fact that four times recently India sided with Russia in sessions of the United Nations Security Council?

The communists are exploiting the present food crisis in India. They are saying that the United States has vast piles of wheat, some of it rotting away, and yet when India's Prime Minister Jawar-

harlal Nehru visited the United States last year and asked for some of this surplus wheat, he was sent back to India empty-handed.

Late in August, just before he returned by plane to India, Senior Methodist Bishop J. Waskom Pickett called on President Truman, and at the State Department, and urged the importance of making a huge donation of American wheat to the hungry people of India. "There is always acute hunger in India," said the Bishop after his calls. "The present crisis has taken millions of lives, and has left other millions undernourished. It goes back to 1942 when Japan conquered Burma and cut off the rice that was exported to India. The food crisis became worse when India and Pakistan were separated as two distinct nations, whereupon the wheat lands became part of Pakistan. Today there is drastic rationing of wheat and rice in India, more drastic than anywhere in wartime Europe. I am sure that America made a grave blunder when wheat was not given to Mr. Nehru. This refusal to give wheat out of an estimated surplus of 400,000 tons in storage is the cause of a growing anti-American sentiment. Yet India should be regarded as America's mightiest potential ally in Asia in case of war between the United States and Russia."

However, any gift of wheat "must be an unconditional gift," the Bishop warned in conclusion. "It would be disastrous if America demanded in return for wheat that India join an anti-Russian bloc. The people of India will not sell their newly acquired independence even for food. Friendship cannot be bought with wheat. But if the American people trust the people of India and help them in their present food crisis, they can count on their friendship."



Remarkable Remarks

Heard or Reported Here and There

● THE PEACE PROBLEM is nothing but the substitution of reason for force, right for might, law for war.—HAMILTON HOLT



● WAR DOES NOT, and never can, prove which side is right, but only which side is the stronger.—JAMES HILTON



● THERE IS NO WORLD MORAL CLIMATE today favorable to the limitation of war. We have been nur-

tured on the doctrine of total or all-out war. Even the United States which has often condemned the savagery of others, has practiced those things against which it has preached.—HANSON W. BALDWIN



● EITHER YOU AGREE with the Roman Catholic Hierarchy or else you are branded as an un-American, an anti-Catholic, a bigot, or a communist.—U. S. CONGRESSMAN GRAHAM A. BARDEN

From Babylon's Ancient Ruins To the Modern Suburbs of Damascus

Two Baptist women missionaries in Burma, unable to secure return steamship passage to the United States for their furloughs, make the long, interesting overland journey across Iraq and the vast desert of Arabia, with stopovers at Ur, Babylon, Baghdad, Damascus, including a tour of Palestine as a side trip, and one of them records herewith their observations and travel impressions

By DOROTHY E. RICH



The Arab guide and the armed guard at the ruins of Ur in the Chaldees

ATHWARTED at every turn in our attempts to secure steamship passage back to the United States, now that the time for our furlough had arrived, Pearl Fruehan and I decided to travel overland through Bible lands and across the Near East. My own decision to make such a trip was prompted by my desire to visit Palestine en route home in order to have a better background for teaching at the Burma Woman's Bible Training School on my return to Burma. However, this eventful trip included much more than Palestine and I could not help but think of Paul's famous quotation, "To them that love God, all things work together for good." That surely applied to our return home from Burma to the United States.

Fortunately we were able to sail on a steamer from Rangoon to Basra, the great shipping port for dates on the Euphrates River. Once known as Mesopotamia the country is now known as Iraq. On a beautiful spring morning we docked at Basra. As we prepared to go through the usual formalities of customs inspection, we wondered how we could make arrangements to visit Babylon and Ur of the Chaldees, from which Abraham started on his long trek many centuries ago.

The Customs Inspector was very helpful and suggested that we consult the station master at the nearby Maqil station. The latter was also very kind and accommodating, and he wired to Ur Junction to make arrangements for us. He then locked our luggage in

the waiting room so that for the remainder of the day we were free to see the sights of Basra. The town is crisscrossed by canals. Date palms grow everywhere so that the low flat buildings and homes are often hidden by the trees. It was a surprise to find that shopkeepers and even the young boys serving as coolies in the bazaar, could speak English. This is probably due to the presence of American and British soldiers there during the Second World War.

So that evening about six o'clock we boarded the train, and shared a compartment with an Arabian woman. Unfortunately she knew no English and we knew no Arabic. The compartment was quite comfortable. We had brought along our own bedrolls. The nights are cold on the desert at that time of the year. I tried hard to explain to the ticket collector that we wished to leave the train at Ur junction. It took about six attempts before he understood my incorrect pronunciation of "Ur." At midnight we were awakened. Quickly we rolled up our bedding and left the train. The wind was howling across the desert. We could see only a few small buildings belonging to railway employees. The men at the station were expecting us and conducted us to a nearby guest bungalow. It was simply furnished with a table, two chairs, and two bedstands with woven cloth strips for springs. A small adjoining room had water piped in for a washroom. Both rooms had electric lights. Again we unrolled our bedding and soon were asleep.

On the following morning an Arab brought our breakfast tray. The preparation of our meals was supervised by the station master's wife, and they were delicious meals. The station master was a Syrian Christian, originally from Turkey. He served as interpreter for his charming wife who could not speak English. They invited us to their home for mid-morning coffee and afternoon tea.

After breakfast our guide, supplied by the station master, accompanied us on the 20-minute walk across the desert. His limited English vocabulary matched that of the guard on duty at the ruins of Ur. How thrilling it

was to see the remains of buildings that date back to the time of Abraham and centuries earlier. As we climbed up the stairway of the *ziggurat* (temple tower), we could see the bitumen and pieces of reed mats between the layers of burnt bricks. We saw remains of a school, a court, a jail, the king's palace, and the city walls. We climbed down and crawled through the low entrance into the king's tomb. The king and queen had been buried there about 3500 B.C. All movable articles had been removed to the museums. Later we visited the Baghdad Museum where we saw some of the exquisite works of art taken from the tombs and the ruins. These included two beautiful golden harps, artistic jewelry, lovely vases and pottery. Two golden daggers showed that craftsmen in those days had learned skills not known today. I began to understand a bit more about what it meant to Abraham to heed God's call. "He went out not knowing whither he went." He left a city with a high degree of civilization to spend the remainder of his life as a nomad, living in tents, because he was obedient to God's call. No wonder he acquired the name, "the father of the faithful."

In the afternoon, accompanied by the station master, his wife and an Arab driver, we started off across the desert sand to Eridhu, a city more ancient than Ur. Soon a driving sandstorm grew so intense that the driver could not see the track which served as a road, so we were forced to turn back. Nobody wants to get caught in a desert sandstorm. Instead they took us to visit the desert oasis of Nasiriyah, a market town for Bedouin tribes. As we walked down the streets to the shops and bazaar, we soon found an ever-increasing crowd of curious children trailing behind us.

Boarding the train in the middle of the night we traveled on to Hilla, our next stop. Again efficient tourist service was provided by the station master, including arrangements for breakfast and a car to Babylon. The driver knew no English, but the station master gave him detailed instructions. An English speaking guide conducted us around Babylon. He had helped with the excavations and had interesting comments. We were



A shop in the street bazaar in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia

shown the place where Daniel is reported to have been thrown to the lions. According to the guide the record of the event had been written on the bricks of the wall. Later these top bricks were removed to a museum in Germany. It was easier to visualize the ancient civilization of Bablon after viewing the movable relics in the museum, and seeing the models of some of the buildings.

Enroute to Baghdad by car we took a side trip to Kerbala, the holy city of a certain sect of Moslems. Police forms had to be filled out at the entrance to the town and a policeman went along as escort. Then we were required to visit the central police station and give additional information. Aside from that we had no trouble, although various people had cautioned us about the difficulty of getting permission to enter that holy city. We were able to drive around the outside of the two principal mosques, and glimpse the inner courts through the open doorways, but discretely we refrained from trying to enter. It was past lunch time when a police officer kindly directed us to a good place to buy *kabobs*—mutton squares placed on a skewer and cooked over a hot charcoal fire. They were eaten hot with huge-round flat pancake-like loaves of Arab bread. Hot tea quenched our thirst. After a final stop at the police office we were off to Baghdad.

Two days at Baghdad gave us time to visit the bazaar, see the museum, and to complete business arrangements still necessary including an exit visa from Iraq, a visa for Transjordan, and bus reservations.

At six in the evening we left Baghdad for the night trip across the desert to Damascus, riding on an American railway bus with comfortable seats. A wholesome box lunch was furnished each traveler. There was no need to be concerned about the heat. It was a cold night. Woolen blankets were furnished the passengers, and the car heater was turned on at intervals. Early the next morning we began to see a bit of desert life—barren hills and mountains, flocks of sheep grazing under the watchful eye of the shepherd, occasional black sprawling Bedouin tents, a few camels wending their dignified way along a rough trail and often preceded by a little burro. Suddenly as we rounded a bend in the road we gasped with delight. Off to the left was our first glimpse of snow-covered Mount Hermon, rising above the desert in majestic beauty. Soon we began to see olive groves with irri-

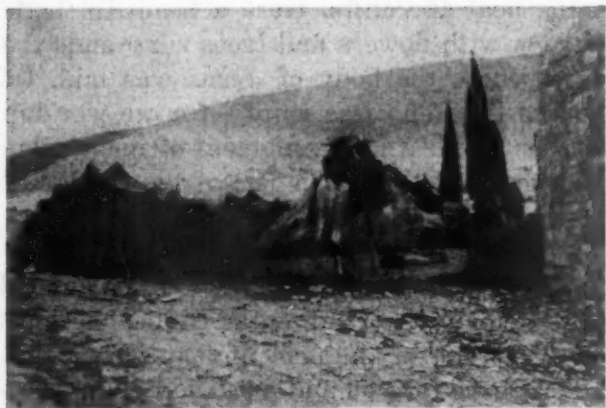


New entrance to the museum at Baghdad, Iraq. The carved animal was taken from an excavation

gation ditches, and apricot orchards in full bloom. We were nearing Damascus, the oldest living city in the world, and the place that meant much in the life of the apostle Paul.

We were assigned rooms in an American-Syrian home where paying guests were received and thus we met other travelers. Our excellent Syrian guide took us on a walking tour of the places of interest. We traversed the full length of the "street called Straight," and discovered that its present width is less than in Paul's time. The house of Judas was off to one side. As we walked along the street, we came to a place where excavations had been made. A year or so ago a house was torn down and a large stone discovered in the foundation. Excavations revealed the original gateway to the city at a much lower level than the present street. It also indicated the street had been much wider in the past. Off on a side street, also at a lower elevation, was the house of Ananias—now a Greek Orthodox chapel.

The *Suq* (bazaar) of Damascus was fascinating. Here craftsmen still carry on their trades in the same manner as in Bible times. We watched leatherworkers making saddles, belts and harness straps. In the brass and copper bazaar workmen were hammering cooking utensils, fashioning picturesque coffee pots and vases, and lining copper cooking pots with a coating of tin. We visited a shop where beautiful damask and brocade were woven by hand, and a furnace of glass blowers who were workmen skilled in ancient crafts. I enjoyed a little wayside shop where a man was making shepherd's pipes, perhaps



A refugee camp near Jacob's Well at Sychar, Samaria



The inner court of the largest mosque in Damascus

the kind similar to that used by David, the shepherd boy. The Abana River under a new name, still flows through the ancient city. The largest mosque of the city illustrates some of the changes of the centuries. Originally it was a temple to Jupiter and had some of the old Corinthian columns still in use. Later it functioned as a Christian church. Finally it became a mosque. An old inn of the 18th century had become a grain storage room. The central courtyard had been built to accommodate the animals of the caravans. It was surrounded by several stories of arched balconies with rooms for the guests.

A bus took us to the upper end of the city, which is rapidly expanding up the nearby mountain side. This section with lovely homes and modernistic new apartment houses re-

mind me of the most modern of new cities. We remarked about the cleanliness of the city. Street sweepers were at work daily with brooms made of some bramble thorn weed found in abundance on the nearby desert. Here in Syria the Muslim women wore very sheer black half-veils to cover their faces partially, often with western-style dress. Heavier veils were worn by the women in Iraq, while the Muslim ladies of Pakistan were the most completely covered in their black or shroud-like *boonkas* with only a peephole, and this covered with netting, for the eyes.

Here a convenient and comfortable form of travel is "by seats in a private car." So this was our mode of travel down through Syria to Amman where our passports helped us to know when we reached the border of Syria and Transjordan. En route we saw farmers at work trying to plow the land and prepare very stony soil for new crops. The outlook was not promising. We paused in Amman only to change to another automobile, as our destination was Jerusalem.

During the armed truce between the Jews and the Arabs it was not possible for travelers to move freely between the two countries. Either the traveler enters from the Jewish side and sees that portion of the Holy Land held by the Jews, or he enters from the Arab side and views the historic centers occupied by the Arabs. We chose the latter as our previous travel had been through Arab countries. Thus we were able to visit the old historic city of Jerusalem.

In Samaria we went as far north as Nablus, formerly Shechem, in order to visit Jacob's well and to see the ancient copy of the Pentateuch, the proud possession of the remnant of the Samaritans who still live in Nablus. Again we had seats in a private car for the trip. Everywhere we went the drab barren hillsides were covered with wild flowers. The "lily of the field" surprised us most. I had imagined it a white flower, but it is an exquisite bright red and is shaped something like a poppy. The driver obligingly stopped, while we gathered a bouquet of lilies. The beauty of these lilies reminded us of what

Christ said, "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Our visit to Bethlehem was over a new road packed with thrills and recently constructed by the Arabs, because the Jews held the old road. I was not impressed with the churches built over the holy places, as I was more interested in the things that would be similar to those in Christ's time. We paused to visit one home and climbed the outside stairway to the flat roof, where the grain had been laid out to dry in the hot sun. Below in the courtyard the housewife was drawing water from the wall to wash the vegetables.

Barbed wire barriers separate New Jerusalem from the old city and soldiers are on guard to prevent trespassers. Fortunately for us our hotel was on the Arab side. I shall not describe Jerusalem, as others have done it more expertly. Just to walk up and down the steps of the old streets and to view the assorted shops and homes was to me satisfying. There were no Jews at the wailing wall, and the Jewish quarter of the old city showed the effects of bombs and war.

On a beautiful sunny afternoon we visited the Mount of Olives. As I sat on the hillside and gazed at Jerusalem, I thought of the time when Christ came from Bethany. As He rounded the curve of the hill and saw the city He wept over it. What would He do today, if He were to look up and see the barbed wire entanglements dividing the city, and the hatred in men's hearts bred by war and strife?

A moment of rare inspiration came to me in a visit to the garden tomb outside the old walls near the cliffs. Here a beautiful little garden with flowers and trees surrounds the area where the body of Jesus was laid. Of course the tomb was empty, for we worship a risen Lord. Another moment of inspiration was the visit to what is left of the garden of Gethsemane. Another lovely day with the fragrance of blooming violets, and the beauty of the ancient gnarled olive trees, provided the setting for re-reading the Biblical account of that time of anguish and suffering that Christ bore for you and me. The Lord's presence seemed very near.

A drive down the steep rock-bordered road to Jericho revealed many hiding places for thieves in keeping with the good Samaritan story. Jericho abounds in luscious sub-tropical fruits. Farther along are large tent colonies of Arab refugees and huge camps of refugees. It made me wonder about the future of all the world's homeless peoples, the Jewish refugees on the other side of the barbed wire barricade, the millions of home-

less caused by the division of India and Pakistan, the multitudes of refugees in Burma and all the other wartorn areas.

A small bi-plane from the airstrip near Amman gave us our last view of Palestine as we flew over the Dead Sea and the still barren wilderness of Judea. During this visit to Bible lands while en route home from Burma, the Bible had acquired a new freshness and reality.



The Lovely Christmas Story for the First Time

All the usual accompaniments of Christmas, gifts for young and old, pageantry and music, and a four hour examination of seven converts and their baptism, and the Lord's Supper, unite to make a memorable first Christmas in a remote and isolated section of northern Japan

By THOMASINE ALLEN

TO bring the lovely story of Christmas to people for the very first time is a challenge, a responsibility, and a pleasure. All over Japan this past Christmas, not only missionaries and Japanese pastors, but members of the American Occupation by their generous gifts and their abundant good cheer gave Japan something of the meaning of Christmas.

In our own far away, isolated corner we also joined with the vast world Christian family in celebrating the coming of the Prince of Peace and in bringing to many people their first knowledge of Christmas. It was a walk of two and one-half miles from here to a little village where recently we had opened a Sunday school in a private home. The wife had been a clinic patient. She not only wanted to know more about Christianity herself, but

she wanted her children to have Christian training. Each Sunday one of the nurses and I go to that village. It means an hour's walk each way over bad roads, and an hour for Sunday school. That brings us back just before dark and in time for our evening service in Kuji. For our Christmas visit at the little village we had Christmas songs and we gave each person an old Christmas card. This constituted their first Christmas and the 60 children and the 10 adults who were sitting on the floor and crowded into that little room, were very happy.

Then came the Kindergarten Christmas in Kuji. Two of our men had gone to a neighboring forest and had brought back a beautifully shaped Christmas tree. So one evening we spent in decorating the tree and in making a manger from real stacks of hay. Always we close the Christmas program with the Holy Night—Joseph and Mary bending over

the Child in the manger, shepherds and wise men bringing their gifts, followed by other kindergarten children and their parents bringing their gifts of money to the Christ Child to be spent for the benefit of the poor in the community. My "grandchild," little Junko Yahaba sang in her clear little voice about the soft white blanket for the new born Babe. The orchestra performed with real gusto and "did themselves proud." Tolstoy's "Where Love Is, God Is," was given by a group of wee actors in a most impressive and effective way.

However, I had a great worry! By December 14th only a part of the expected candy had arrived. What was I to do? Although the paper bags had not come either, I knew we could make some bags out of colored paper; but it would take time. But what was there to put in them? The nearest U. S. Army camp is a six-hour round trip journey, but I got in touch with the military authorities there and asked, in case my candy did not arrive, whether I could beg, borrow, buy, or steal some candy for the kindergarten and Sunday school children. No American is going to let children down, especially at Christmas time. So you need not worry about my morals, I did not have to steal any candy, and my mind was put at ease. The next day a soldier made the long trip to bring me the candy and a mountain of packages, including at least enough bags for the kindergarten although not enough for the Sunday school. So we had to improvise 200 bags at the last minute. The army Chaplain was most cooperative and helpful and he deserves a big vote of thanks.

The following day was the Sunday school Christmas with the kindergarten repeating some of their program and the older children giving, "Why The Chimes Rang." Some beautiful dinner chimes had been sent to the kindergarten and they were most effectively used. Special attention was called to the children who had not missed a single Sunday. One 14-year-old girl was given a special ovation and a Bible as a gift. She comes from a village many miles from here. She has to leave her home at five in the morning, walk

for an hour to the train, ride in the unheated train for 40 minutes, thus getting to Kuji at seven o'clock. She then plays around or reads in the library till Sunday school begins at 9:30. Then she has to wait until 3:30 in the afternoon, for the returning train. So she must bring her lunch with her. The ride back and the hour's walk brings her home in time for supper. It thus takes an entire day for her to attend Sunday school. Yet her father says it is his daughter's greatest pleasure to come here to Sunday school. She puts many of our Kuji children to shame!

On the following day, the U. S. Chaplain of the Misawa Air Base and another officer drove over in a jeep truck. It meant a ride of five hours over very bad roads. The truck was filled with toys, and a huge box of cookies. With the vast number of cup cakes I made, we had plenty for several Christmas celebrations. This joyful, helpful service on the part of fellow Americans made a deep impression on the people here.

What is it that makes the typical American think and do for other people he does not even know? Is it not because of the principles of Christianity which form the foundation of our life. One is impressed by this fundamental difference between Japan and the United States. We also have a Christmas celebration at Noda, a little town an hour's ride on a bus from here. Over 200 attended for their first Christmas here.

The next day Mr. and Mrs. Yahaba and I climbed into a cold, crowded bus, loaded with Christmas cards and gifts and started out for Karumai, a town of 8000 people, nestled in the mountains, far removed from everything. It is a bit of old Japan. It is only 30 miles from here but it takes anywhere from three to six hours to get there.

When I say "bus," please do not imagine a nice big Greyhound or anything luxurious like that. Much of the floor space was taken up by big bags of little chunks of wood which are used instead of gasoline. I am quite sure the person who wrote the story of the brave little locomotive chugging up the hill saying, "I think I can. I think I can," must have had

this Karumai bus in mind. It was all I could think of and I kept saying as the bus inched along, "I think I can." Well, it did get to the transfer place. We had to wait a long time, huddled around a little stove, drinking tea till the next bus came. As we climbed in the man said, "The engine is very bad, and I doubt very much if we can get to our destination." That was encouraging! We had a meeting scheduled for the afternoon as well as for the evening. By much doctoring and pleading we crawled along about one-eighth of a mile, and then the engine drew its last breath. We all got out and walked back to the little stove and tea cups and waited till the next scheduled bus came along. It took us just six and one-half hours to go 30 miles. (Yes, I am still hoping some American Baptist will send me a jeep.) Some food and fire thawed us out so we could decorate the little tree and begin our meetings for three different groups. The meetings were held in a private home. The husband had been baptized into the Kuji church last Christmas, and this Christmas his wife was baptized. So now there is one Christian family in a town of 8000 people. We got to bed long past midnight, for so many wanted to talk and ask questions.

The candle service, always so beautifully and artistically worked out by Mrs. Yahaba, marked one of the real highlights of our various Christmases and brought inspiration not only to our own group but to the many who had come from Karumai, Noda and another village far away to participate. The theme was New Heaven and New Earth and was worked out in song and Scripture to show that we must receive light from above to make this earth new. After lighting their candles at the one central candle the people stood in the form of a branched candle stick.

On Christmas Day, our chief emphasis was on Christ Himself. Not many sundry festivities marked the day. At ten in the morning the church people gathered for a two-hour prayer meeting, in which everyone offered his or her prayer of thanksgiving for the Great Gift. In the evening there was a most worshipful service with our newly-formed choir

taking an important part. In all of Mr. Yahaba's messages the dominant note was making Christ supreme in our daily lives. All felt a new challenge. Some expressed it, "In so many places all that Japan knows of Christmas is the commercial and festive side. Here the joyful melody is prayer and not play. We are going back to our villages to try to live the Christmas message."

Our little Kuji church has celebrated its first birthday. It has been a hard year, and the Yahabas have had to nurse the new infant and start its training. There have been many failures, discouragements and heartaches, but with it all, real growth. On the evening of the 22nd we gathered to hear the confession of faith of seven men and women.

On the morning of the 24th the seven were baptized in the little river which flows almost in our backyard. The baptismal service was followed by the Communion Service which marked the high point of Christmas.

The meeting lasted from eight till after midnight. Not only did the seven tell in detail why they wanted to become Christians, but various questions were asked them on the relation of Christianity to daily living, questions we all must ponder, but especially in this dark superstitious land. Could they withstand the pressure of friends and family? Could they stand being betrayed by those they trusted? It costs to be a Christian. Could they pay the price? One young man said, "I was so impressed by the difference in deportment and bearing of the American soldier and the Japanese soldier. What makes them so gentlemanly? Certainly it must have been their Christian training. This influenced me to want to know more about this religion. Then when I returned to Kuji, I was impressed by the change in the life of a kinswoman who was baptized last year. I, too, wanted to become a follower of Christ."

Japan has such a long, very long way to go, that one is apt to get a bit discouraged at results sometimes. Nevertheless, always our joy is to know that we are co-workers of the Master Builder and we are laying foundations for the future.

The Other Shepherd

A Christmas Meditation by the President of the American Baptist Convention

By EDWARD HUGHES PRUDEN

And it came to pass as the angels were gone away from them into heaven the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even into Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass.—Luke 2:15

WE are all more or less familiar with Henry Van Dyke's, "The Story of the Other Wise Man."

You recall how this particular wise man started out along with the others from an eastern country. Each of them carried precious gifts for the new born king. Most of the wise men hurried on to Bethlehem and reached there in time to kneel at the manger crib and present their gifts—gold and frankincense and myrrh. This other wise man, however, was a very thoughtful and generous man. Whenever he saw a person in need he could not refrain from stopping along the way and giving assistance to the best of his ability. He had started out with three precious stones. But one by one was given to help some needy person. The last one was given as a ransom to redeem a girl who was being sold as a slave at the auction block. As he passed down the street, a piece of stone fell from a wall above him, and it killed him.

He never reached Bethlehem; but inasmuch as he had ministered unto one of the least of these, he had really ministered unto Christ. It was not his privilege to kneel at the manger in Bethlehem, but he did that which was even better. He demonstrated his allegiance to Christ by personifying His spirit.

That, other wise man has become almost an historical figure; but strange to say, I have never heard anything about the other shepherd. I am sure there must have been another shepherd, for it would not have been possible for all of the shepherds to have



left the sheep to go to Bethlehem. Somebody had to tend the sheep in the absence of the others.

This shepherd who remained on the job is a symbol to me of all those who fill inconspicuous places but who render to God a service that is just as valuable and acceptable as the service of some whose achievements are known and honored everywhere. These unsung heroes never find their names in print; their pictures are not published in the newspapers; their accomplishments are never described over the radio; no historian will ever record what they did. Nevertheless, in the eyes of God they may appear just as indispensable and worthy of praise as the most publicized person in the world.

Thomas Gray had this in mind when he wrote in his "Elegy":

Full many a gem of fairest ray serene
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.

However, I cannot agree that these things are wasted. They serve some useful purpose; and if no other, they reveal how bountiful God really is. Nor are these quiet, unknown servants of God wasted upon the desert air of inconspicuous service. The world may ignore them, but they are known and honored of God. The most honored soldier of World War I is not John J. Pershing, or Eddie Rickenbacker, or Alvin York, but the Unknown Soldier whose remains on the banks of the Potomac River within a white marble tomb upon which are inscribed the words, "Known only to God". Wars are not won by generals, heroes, and military geniuses, but by the man in the ranks—the unheralded, the unsung, the anonymous man who is lost in the crowd.

During my missionary service in Shanghai, I read with interest the newspaper accounts of the arrival of the various ocean liners that docked in that great port in the Orient. Prominent news stories with pictures would be published about the great and the near-great, the wealthy and the renowned; and tucked away in a long list of inconspicuous passengers would be the name of some faithful missionary of Christ. No news story was ever written about him. No picture of him was ever

published in the newspaper. But in God's sight he was probably the most important man on the ship. The tourists and the diplomats made the headlines; but these unknown heroes of the Cross were making Christian history. The other shepherd, the one who stayed with the sheep while his companions went to Bethlehem, has never been known to history; but we can rest assured that his fidelity and his spirit of unselfishness were just as pleasing in the sight of God as the pilgrimage to Bethlehem by his fellow shepherds.

I read in Ripley's newspaper column recently that only those Mohammedans who have made a pilgrimage to Mecca are permitted to wear a green turban. However, I am sure that those who have been so busy serving their fellowmen all their lifetime that they have not had time to go to Mecca are far more deserving of some sign of distinction. A man's religion is not revealed by the number of religious conventions and public meetings he attends, but by the faithfulness with which he serves God and man in the ordinary routine of life.

When the Samaritan woman talked to Jesus by the well-side in Samaria, she became embarrassed by his accurate diagnosis of her case. So she made an attempt to interject a theological discussion. She said in effect, "Our fathers, the Samaritans, say you must worship in this mountain," pointing to Mt. Gerizim, "but you Hebrews contend that men must worship on the holy mount of the temple in Jerusalem. Which is correct?" And Jesus replied, "The time is coming when we shall neither worship God in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem for they who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." In other words, Jesus was saying that worship is not a matter of place or position. It is a matter of the quality of one's attitude and spirit.

Our presence at a church service does not mean that we are more religious than the bus driver who made it possible for us to be here, or the man in the power house who supplies the necessary electricity for the church organ and the lights, or the sexton in the basement who provides the heat necessary for making the sanctuary comfortable. God sees them too. And if they perform their duties in the spirit of worship and praise, God accepts it as such. On Christmas morning, multitudes of the faithful will go to their tabernacles, churches, temples, and

cathedrals to worship the new born King; but devout souls who would like to go but who cannot, will be working in the post offices, on the trains, behind hotel desks and in restaurants. Their adoration of Christ in those places will be just as real and as pleasing to God, as before some sanctuary altar.

The late Dr. George W. Truett once preached a sermon based on an incident in the First Book of Samuel. In one of David's battles a quantity of booty had been captured. So he appointed 200 faithful men to stay by the spoils while the rest of the army continued the fighting. When the battle was over, the fighting men were of the opinion that the booty should be divided only among those who had been in the battle, but David declared that those who had tarried by the stuff should receive the same reward as those who had gone out to fight. In his sermon Dr. Truett told the story of a frail Texas school teacher named Ida who desired above everything else in the world to be a foreign missionary. When she made application, the Foreign Mission Board found her physically incapable of receiving appointment. She was naturally broken-hearted, but after a while decided to return to Texas and teach school, saving every cent she could spare of her meager earnings, and provide the means for sending someone else in her place. This she did. So the Board was able later to send Dr. N. A. Bryan, one of the finest missionary doctors, to China on the money which that devoted school teacher had provided. In the fullness of time she will surely receive the same reward which that outstanding missionary will receive.

Last year on the Sunday when our world relief offering was taken, one of our girls who works for the government on a modest salary, contributed a check for \$100. Her sacrificial gift will receive little notice from the world at large, but in the eyes of God she probably made a contribution just as great as that made by anyone prominently associated with world relief activity.

God help us to give honor where honor is due and not overlook those not found on the pages of history. If you feel for a moment that your place in life is unimportant or your work inconspicuous, or your labors of little effect, by all means remember the other shepherd and be assured that your labors are never in vain in the Lord.



Christmas

A Christmas Prayer

ETERNAL God, who hast so loved the world as to give thine only begotten Son, bestow upon us at this time the gracious gift of faith whereby we may know that He has come, sharing our human lot, and redeeming the world from the powers of evil. We would take Him anew into our hearts, and behold Him in love and joy. We thank Thee that in Christ thy true light has dawned upon our darkness. We pray that the nations may turn to His light and by faith enter into His Kingdom, thus finding grace and purpose to live together in brotherly concord.

As our world stands today before the dreadful alternatives of life and death, we pray Thee, God of love and life, to lead the nations to choose Christ as their ruler and guide and thus escape the destruction that confronts them save as they find life in Him. Let all ears be attuned today to the glad song of the heavenly hosts, on earth peace, good will toward men.

Turn the sorrows and the sufferings of humanity into joy by thine amazing grace. Make this Christmas season one of gladness in the homes of Thy people everywhere. Let the spirit of Christ come afresh bringing redemption and hope to our stricken and despairing world. Turn us from our wayward paths unto Thyself and gather us all into the embrace of thy forgiveness and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

From *The Christmas Calendar* of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Maine

Along the Bethlehem Way

By KATHARINE L. ALLER

He who walks with trusting heart, as best he may,
Along the humble, star-lit Bethlehem way,
These gifts shall find:
Faith that withstands the invasion of the years,
Hope that can conquer agony and tears,
Love that can heal and hallow every wound,
And where these are shall holy joy be found.
And finding these good gifts on Christmas Day,
The trusting heart along the Bethlehem way,
Shall know that God is good.

Christmas Thoughts

IN OUR SKY THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM still shines. That is the whole point about Christmas. Our world is in a desperate plight, but its sickness is not mor-

tal; hope need not be abandoned. Christmas brings more than a message of good will, and God be thanked that it does, for more than good will is needed if the maladies of our world are to be cured. Christmas brings us a message of cheer, but more than all that, in our lostness and impotence it brings us a gospel. In song and story it tells us that we and our world can be saved if only room can be found for the Christ of Bethlehem.—REV. ROBERT J. MC-CRACKEN



THE PROMISE OF CHRIST'S COMING has not yet been fulfilled because of the wilful sin and the unsanctified pride of mankind. The peace He came to make a glad reality still eludes us because of the hate and greed that possess men's hearts. The brotherhood of man He came to actualize still remains remote and seems unattainable because of human arrogance, ruthlessness, and selfishness. Nevertheless we know with an ageless certainty that Christ still is and forever shall be the hope of the world.—*The Canadian Baptist*.



CHRISTMAS IS A TIME OF GIVING. God set the spirit aglow when He gave us his best—his Son. Jesus gave the giving spirit meaning as He gave himself in ministry, in teaching, in love, and in death for each and all of us. We who love Him and seek to walk with Him have our hearts strangely warmed especially at Christmas and in a deeper sense than at any other time of the year. We, too, want to give something of our best. In a world shattered and bleeding from war, immersed in sin, groping with despair, and motivated by bitterness and hate, ours is the call to shed abroad the Light of the World, to give a ministry of love. Since we are favored, let us share. Since we are saved by the grace of God, let us seek the redemption of others. If we do less, we are unworthy of his name.—*The Gospel Messenger*.



CHRISTMAS IS MORE THAN A DATE, more than an anniversary of a birth. It is God reaching down to man with His salvation which is for all men. Christmas is everywhere. There is no castle or lonely hut, no bustling city of sleepy hamlet untouched by its

significance, or outside the embrace of God's love that brought Christmas to the world. No race or color has preeminence before God. All have an equal claim to the Christmas Gift who is the Christ. Christmas is for everyone.—R. A. SYRDAL in *The Missionary*.



MAN IS A COMBINATION OF GOOD AND EVIL, love and hate, peace and war, hope and despair, wisdom and stupidity. He worships the Christian God and the false gods of wealth, learning, racial superiority, militarism, national sovereignty. Thus man is a contradiction. And yet he cannot accept despair.

Good will and love are self-sustaining; ill will and hate are self-destroying. And whoever violates the law of love lives with an uneasy, harassed conscience. Always therefore, man stands as a candidate for the Kingdom of God. Some day he will embrace, before it is too late, the Christmas message of the angels, "On earth peace, good will toward men."—PRESIDENT BENJAMIN E. MAYS.

Christmas Scripture

How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?—*Hebrews 2:3*

In him was life. —*John 1:4*

For unto you is born this day a Saviour.—*Luke 2:11*

PERSONALITIES

● WITH CUSTOMARY ACADEMIC CEREMONY Dr. Val H. Wilson was formally inaugurated as the 6th President of Colorado Woman's College, at Denver, Co., on October 14, 1950. Mrs. Howard G. Colwell past President of the American Baptist Convention and Vice President of the College Board of Trustees, presided at the formal ceremony. Professor Clarence P. Shedd of Yale University delivered the address. At the luncheon which followed the formal inauguration ceremonies, greetings were brought from the trustees, the faculty, the alumnae, and the student body, and Dr. Luther Wesley Smith delivered the address. Others participating included Dean Harry Rowe of Bates College, Chairman C. E. Eddleblute of the College Board of Trustees and President Emeritus James E. Huchingson. The new President was formerly Director of the Department of University Pastor and Student Work under the Baptist Board of Education.

● DR. P. H. L. LERRIGO and Mrs. Lerrigo have been appointed by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society for special service for an interim period in the



Dean Harry W. Rowe (Left) of Bates College, new President (Center) Val H. Wilson of Colorado Woman's College, and President (Right) Emeritus James E. Huchingson of Colorado Woman's College at the inauguration of President Wilson, October 14, 1950.

Philippine Islands where Dr. Lerrigo will be President of Central Philippine College at Iloilo. American Baptists will recall that Dr. Lerrigo began his missionary career as a medical missionary in the Philippines where he established the mission hospital at Capiz. Later he served for more than 20 years as Candidate Secretary, Home Secretary, and Foreign Secretary for Belgian Congo.

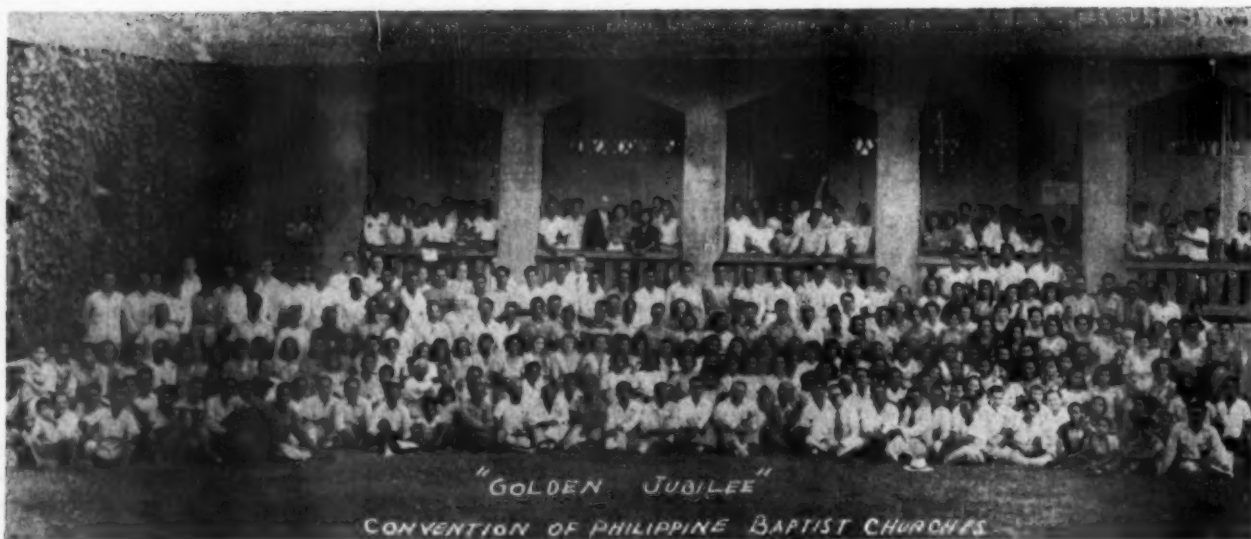
Following his retirement in 1941, he was for several years Executive Secretary of the interdenominational Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and Secretary of the Christian Medical Council for Overseas Service. He has written more than half a dozen books, mostly related to the world mission of the Christian church. Mrs. Lerrigo is well acquainted with the overseas work of the Christian church through her service on the secretarial staff of the Foreign Missions Conference. Since their retirement from active service Dr. and Mrs. Lerrigo have made their home in Claremont, Cal. They expect to sail for the Philippine Islands as soon as the necessary arrangements and formalities can be completed.

● THE HOME MISSION BOARD has appointed a third nurse for service at the Baptist Hospital at Cordova, Alaska. She is Mrs. Helen Gaylord of Oneonta, N. Y. where she has been supervisor of obstetrics at the Fox Hospital since 1944. She is preceded at Cordova by two nurses, Miss Dessie Headley and Miss Vivian Cole (See *MISSIONS*, September, 1950, page 415) who arrived there in October.

The First 50 Years In the Philippine Islands

Another significant milestone in foreign mission history was passed when the Baptists in the Philippine Islands celebrated their 50th anniversary

By ELMER A. FRIDELL



Baptists of the Philippine Islands attending their Golden Jubilee Convention

THE Baptist Mission in the Philippine Islands is 50 years old. It began on May 3, 1900 with the landing of Eric Lund at Iloilo. Half a century later a significant jubilee celebration was observed at the Central Philippine College with five full days of meetings to commemorate the completion of 50 years of Baptist missionary service. More than 450 registered delegates came from the nearby areas where Baptists are active. Other visitors came from distant parts of the Philippine Republic. The convocation hall, built of bamboo and nipa, (palm leaf) became a temple of worship and a place of high thanksgiving. Not only was the building packed for the anniversary services, but hundreds of people listened from every possible outside vantage point surrounding the building. A public address system enabled large numbers to benefit who could not find space inside.

It was a Swedish Baptist missionary, Dr. Eric Lund, under appointment by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, who opened the Baptist program in the Philippines when he landed in Iloilo on May 3, 1900. He had been serving as a missionary in Barcelona, Spain. There he became acquainted with a young Filipino student, Braulio Manikan, a native of Capiz province. Under the guidance of Dr. Lund this young man from the Philippines was converted to Christ. At the close of the Spanish American War, Pastor Lund and Mr. Manikan were appointed by the American Baptist Missionary Union for full-time services in the Philippine Islands.

The largest city in the Visayan district was Iloilo but because some Presbyterian missionaries were already there, Dr. Lund and his young associate moved on to Jaro beyond the city of Iloilo. Six months later the Mis-

sionary Union sent Rev. Charles W. Briggs to assist in the new field. Because of the open hearted response of the people other missionaries followed. Among that pioneer group now living and continuing an active interest in our denominational work are Dr. Joseph C. Robbins and Dr. P. H. J. Lerrigo. (*See footnote*)

Those early days were exceedingly difficult. There was strenuous Roman Catholic opposition to the new enterprise initiated by Protestants. Fortunately 50 years before the arrival of Dr. Lund a Roman Catholic priest known as Father John seems to have providentially prepared the people for the coming of Protestant missionaries for he had predicted that some day the Gospel would come with new emphasis through the open book, the Bible. Not long after Dr. Lund's arrival he was presented with a petition signed by nearly 8,000 people asking that they be taught the Christian faith under Protestant auspices. Rev. Charles W. Briggs baptized more than 1,000 converts in one year.

From small beginnings the work has grown

NOTE—Both Dr. Robbins and Dr. Lerrigo, following their return from missionary service in the Philippine Islands, served for many years on the secretarial staff of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society at Baptist Headquarters, retiring in 1940 at the customary retiring age. Since then Dr. Robbins has served on the faculty of Andover Newton Theological School and is now interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., while Dr. Lerrigo has served the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and sailed recently for the Philippine Islands where he is to serve as interim President of Central Philippine College until a permanent President is appointed.—ED.



Foreign Secretary Elmer A. Fridell at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new church at Jaro



Officers of the Philippine Baptist Convention, and Secretary Elmer A. Fridell holding the memorial plaque which he presented to the American Baptist Convention at Boston last May

until there are approximately 150 Baptist Churches in the Philippine Islands Mission. In 1905 the Jaro Industrial School was begun in a small way. It has gradually developed into the Central Philippine College with 1500 students enrolled. This college was almost completely destroyed during the war. Through World Mission Crusade Funds it has been partially rebuilt. Three buildings were dedicated during the Jubilee exercises. Of the 21 buildings destroyed, about one-half were of permanent construction. Of these only five have thus far been replaced. Building costs make it impossible to restore the institution without additional gifts. On the campus of Central Philippine College young people are being trained for full-time Christian work through the Baptist Missionary Training School and the Theological Seminary, joint institutions enrolling at the present time 42 young men and women.

Two hospitals and two nurses' training schools have been developed. Both institutions also suffered heavy losses in the war. During the days of the Golden Jubilee Convention the new nurses' home at Iloilo Mission Hospital was dedicated. It can accommodate 80 students. The Baptist medical and nurses training programs are known throughout the entire Philippine Islands. Almost without exception the young women who enter the training schools from non-christian backgrounds become active Christians.

A number of missionaries from China, under present conditions unable to serve there, have recently come to the Philippines to strengthen the work there. At present a total of 29 missionaries are serving in the Philippines under the direction of the two Foreign Boards.

Visitors from America who attended the Jubilee celebrations, included Secretary and Mrs. E. A. Fridell, Mrs. Leslie B. Arey, President of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Society, and Dr. George Derbyshire, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oakland and Vice President of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

Greetings had been sent to the Convention by Mrs. H. G. Colwell, then President of the

Northern Baptist Convention, and also by the two Foreign Boards. Baptist leaders in the Philippines had prepared a marble plaque bearing the seal of the Foreign Mission Society. This was formally presented at an evening mass meeting to Secretary Fridell, and he was requested to carry it back to the American Baptist Convention at Boston as a token of appreciation of Filipino Baptists for "fifty years of heroic service on the part of Baptist missionaries in the Philippine Islands."

In spite of the ravages of war, the first 50 years in the Philippine Islands have laid solid and enduring foundations. The second 50 years should witness immense evangelical progress.



One of the delightful jubilee anniversary social occasions which contributed to its fellowship

WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING

Thanksgiving to Christmas

NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 25

Now in its 7th year, Worldwide Bible Reading began during the war when a lonely young American Marine, who was stationed on Guadalcanal, wrote his mother and asked that his parents join in the daily reading of identical passages in their Bibles. The mother made the plan known to the American Bible Society. Thus the movement spread until this

year it is sponsored by 12 foreign agencies of the Bible Society. Probably more than the 34 countries which participated last year will participate this year.

The theme of this year's Worldwide Bible Reading program is **THE BIBLE—A LIGHT AND A GUIDE**. Midway between Thanksgiving and Christmas is Universal Bible Sunday, Decem-

ber 10th which will be observed in thousands of churches of every denomination throughout the United States and in hundreds of churches overseas. Methodist Bishop William Walter Peele of Richmond, Va., has written the annual manual for ministers and copies are available on request to American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

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An International Baptist Magazine



This magazine was founded in 1803 as *The Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Magazine*. The name was changed in 1817 to *The American Baptist Magazine*. In 1836 it became known as *The Baptist Missionary Magazine*. In 1910, with the absorption of *The Home Missions Monthly*, the name was changed to *MISSIONS*.

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A Personal Editorial Greeting

WITH this issue of *MISSIONS* the Editor completes 18 years in the editorial chair, preceded by 10 years as Associate Editor, thus totalling 28 years of editorial service. Once again he extends hearty thanks to the multitude of readers who have written him letters of encouragement and approval or of disagreement and criticism. All have been sincerely welcomed. And to that great host of subscribers who year after year register their loyalty by their subscription renewals, the Editor expresses deep and abiding appreciation. No magazine can live without subscribers. Without the support of *MISSIONS'* readers, the task of its editor would not be nearly so interesting, far less satisfying, and supremely more difficult. It is therefore with deep sincerity that the Editor wishes for every subscriber, a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year.

The Rising Mass Hysteria Against American Freedom

THERE are 6547 Protestant Episcopal ministers in the United States. Are 1156 of them now on the "black list" of a bishop? As reported in *The Churchman* (Episcopal

paper), the 1156 signed a petition in support of a fellow minister. The bishop had dismissed him on complaint of a group of wardens and vestrymen of his church because he had defended the right of his son, also a minister, to be associated with an organization friendly to Russia. For two of the 1156 ministers the bishop recently refused approval of a change of pastorate. Does this mean that all 1156, or one minister out of every six in the Protestant Episcopal Church, are now black-listed? Can this be a dramatic incident in the current mass hysteria over communism that is seizing the minds of the American people, jeopardizing their freedom, determining their course of action?

Other indications are not lacking. Two Episcopal churches in Massachusetts dismissed their rector because he had supported the so-called "Stockholm Peace Appeal" which has been signed by many millions of people all over the world. A New England summer hotel cancelled the scheduled address of a distinguished lecturer because he had been accused, without supporting proof but purely by character assassination tactics, of having communist sympathies. In North Carolina the American Legion demanded a chaplain's resignation because he had circulated leaflets of a Peace Fellowship. The mammoth Madison Square Garden cancelled a mass meeting by the Council on African Affairs because Paul Robson was to have a part in the program. Charges have been made against radio broadcasting entertainers. So their contracts have been cancelled, but those who made the charges cowardly refused to submit proof, thus reversing the historic American principle that a man is innocent until he is proved guilty. The well known victrola company withdrew from circulation a record called "Old Man Atom," because the song is considered by some people to follow the communist party line on peace. *The record was made five years ago* and has been played throughout the United States. But the last word in mass hysteria and public idiocy is the decision to abandon the making of a moving picture film of Longfellow's immortal

poem, "Hiawatha," because Hiawatha's peace efforts might be regarded as communist propaganda. The legendary Hiawatha is supposed to have lived centuries ago, long before Karl Marx, Nicolai Lenin, and Joseph Stalin were born.

What is happening to the American people? Have we lost our courage, our sense of fairness, our insistence on freedom so that we throw out of the window our cherished principles of freedom of speech, the rights of minorities, the democratic privileges of those with whom we disagree? The often quoted statement from the philosopher Voltaire is being amended. He said, "I wholly disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." Today some people are saying, "We wholly disapprove of what you say and we will support to the death all efforts to suppress your right to say it."

Shame on us! It is high time that this rising mass hysteria and fear be ruthlessly checked before it is too late. Liberties once lost or hysterically and needlessly surrendered cannot be recovered.

Is Communism in China Tyranny or Liberation?

IF the Archbishop of Canterbury were again to visit the United States as he did in 1946, would he be regarded as a dangerous alien? Would he be listed by some self-appointed witch hunters as subversive? Would the communist control legislation which Congress recently passed over President Truman's courageous veto permit him to enter the United States? Would the Department of State grant him a visa?

These questions might well be prompted by his forthrightness in considering communism in China not as tyranny but as liberation. As reported in *The New York Herald Tribune*, this is what he said in his presidential Convocation address:

We must frankly recognize that communism in the Far East can easily be seen not as a tyranny but at present as a liberation. It does indeed offer, and in certain conditions it does bring about, a

release from the social evils too long and unheedingly accepted. Realization of this fact must make us feel acute sympathy for Christians in China who may be quite uncertain how things may work out in the future but who acknowledge that the present Chinese communist regime is morally and socially preferable to the corruptions and exploitations of the regime which it replaced.

It required high courage for the ranking prelate of the Church of England to say that and to acknowledge that the people of China were better off under the present communist regime than they were under their previous government. It calls for courage for American Christians not to be swept away by hysterical fears over Chinese communism, but to recognize that 400,000,000 Chinese are determined to achieve a higher level of living. For the present they believe, however mistakenly, that the communist revolution offers them a better chance of achieving that than anything which the previous regime had offered or that Britain or the United States or any other foreign nation had made possible in their dealings with China.

In his speech at San Francisco on October 17th President Truman pledged American cooperation with the people of Asia in their struggle to achieve independence and social justice and improvement of living standards. That pledge comes a bit late. Had such assurance been offered and implemented ten and more years ago there might not be any communism in China today.

The American Woolen Company And the Pastor of Your Church

THE American Woolen Company is the world's largest producer of woolen cloth and worsted fabrics. Five times since June 1, 1950 this company has raised its prices. Latest increase was 45 cents a yard on cloth for men's suits and overcoats and 60 cents on fabrics used in women's wear. Other companies have similarly lifted the prices of other commodities, supplies, and goods used by man, woman, and child. Coffee, sugar, butter, milk, fruit, soap—all have climbed in price. Perhaps you have heard the story of the

man whose wife handed him \$10 and sent him on a grocery shopping errand. He left the car at home. Facetiously he explained, "I did not need the car. I carried the stuff home in my pockets!" Some items are hard to obtain because of unpatriotic hoarding and the return of actual wartime scarcities. Inexorably the tide of inflation rises higher and the value of the dollar drops lower. It costs a lot of money to pay for past wars, veterans' pensions and bonuses, and preparation for future wars. Depreciating the dollar via the inflation route is one method of extracting the cost from everybody. Only the wage earner in a well organized labor union has his interests looked after. By repeated wage increases he has been able in some measure to keep abreast of the rising cost of living.

To all of this you agree. But do you ever consider what this means for the minister whose salary has not been adjusted to this changing economic picture? Alone among the salaried class is the minister whose compensation has not risen proportionately with the inflationary trend. Yet his family needs milk, coffee, butter, sugar, as does your own. He needs books, gasoline, and a host of items not required by the average American family. And in order to retain the respect of his community a minister cannot be shabbily dressed. But the American Woolen Company's five increases in price compel him to say farewell to a new suit for many months to come.

What can be done about it? The answer is easy. Christmas is just around the corner. The familiar adage about the laborer being worthy of his hire applies also to the ministry. Tell the chairman of your church board of trustees that an increase in your pastor's salary is due, and that it would be an ideal Christmas gift.

Roman Catholic Propaganda And the Menace of Communism

HAVE you heard the argument or have you been subjected to the propaganda line that the Roman Catholic Church is the last great, powerful bulwark against the spread of communism? It makes a persuasive

appeal to businessmen, and to timid people who feel jittery about the atheistic and materialistic philosophy of communism.

According to a story in an American picture magazine, as reported by Dr. Frederick M. Meek to his congregation in Boston's Old South Church, the wall in a government office in Washington featured a huge map on which Roman Catholic countries were pictured in purple and Protestant countries in orange. An official pointed to the map and commented on how the purple countries constituted the great barrier against communism. That comment was the quintessence of ignorance. It is evangelical, democratic Protestantism and not sacramentarian, authoritarian, undemocratic Roman Catholicism that is the strong bastion against the spread of communism. How does it happen that communism has made its greatest progress in countries in which an authoritarian Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox or Roman, has flourished for centuries? Russia has the Eastern Orthodox Church, a faith akin to that of Roman Catholicism except that it does not recognize the Pope. Italy is a Roman Catholic country and yet there are more communists in Italy than in any other land on earth excepting only Russia. Communism is strong in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Austria. These all are Roman Catholic countries. By vivid contrast, look at countries where Protestantism has been strong—Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, England, Australia, New Zealand. Today none of these is seriously threatened by communism. And in the United States, which the Roman Catholic Hierarchy would like to change from a Protestant into a Roman Catholic nation, even Mr. Edgar J. Hoover of the F. B. I. admits that out of a total population of 150,000,000, there are only 55,000 communists and perhaps 500,000 sympathizers or so-called "fellow travelers," *less than 1/3 of one percent!*

Therefore to urge that we must strengthen Roman Catholicism, support its parochial schools from the public treasury, maintain an Ambassador at the Vatican, all in order effectively to combat communism is arrant non-

sense. Whenever this argument is offered, simply point to the facts.

The best and most enduring bulwarks against communism are not authoritarian, autocratic, totalitarian hierarchical systems, but religious liberty, the preservation of human rights, the safeguarding of true democracy, the establishment of social justice, the promotion of racial brotherhood, and the propagation of a vital Christian faith.

Editorial Comment

★ THE PICTURE ON THE FRONT COVER should be a challenge to American Christians. What it really means is that although 330,000 Christians in Japan, less than one-half of one per cent. of the total population of 80,000,000, will emphasize the religious significance of Christmas, nevertheless the commercialization of Christmas, as in the United States, and the emphasis on Santa Claus rather than on the Child of Bethlehem and why He came, are making faster headway in Japan and are registering more of an enduring impression on the people than the sublime truth of Christmas and its eternal meaning. The Japanese are superb imitators and duplicators. Many Tokyo department stores now decorate their interiors and their window fronts during the Christmas season as do American stores. It is not difficult to envisage the time, not many years hence, when the commercialization of Christmas in Japan will equal if not actually surpass that in the United States.

★ ONLY ATHEISTS AND COMMUNISTS WOULD DISAGREE with the almost universal opinion that the Bible is the most important book on earth. Throughout the world millions of Bible readers will again join in a world-wide Bible reading from Thanksgiving Day to Christmas. Midway between the two holidays, or holy days which they really ought to be, comes Universal Bible Sunday, December 10, 1950. This is annually recognized as an important observance in the life of the church. It is now regularly listed in the calendars of religious celebrations. This year's theme is THE BIBLE—A LIGHT AND A GUIDE. A reproduction of a striking two-color poster painted by the artist Robert A. Graef appears on page 617. A manual for use of ministers, prepared by Bishop William Walter Peale is furnished on postcard request to the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, 22, N. Y. The Bible is now available to nine-tenths of the

human race. In whole or in some part, it has been translated into 1,118 different tongues, dialects, languages. For almost two billion people this of all books is humanity's guide and light.

★ SOUTHERN BAPTISTS have strongly condemned the action of Congress in voting the \$62,500,000 loan to Spain. One of the leading Southern Baptist papers, *The Religious Herald* of Virginia, attrib-

THE GREAT DELUSION

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LIQUOR AND KOREA

IN response to numerous protests the U. S. Army discontinued the ration of free beer to soldiers in Korea. Instead, it permits the distribution of beer at Post Exchanges. The cost is financed from Post Exchange profits and not from the pockets of American taxpayers back home. Thus the U. S. Army increases the profits of American breweries.

Is this arrangement really lawful? The Act of February 2, 1901, Section 38, "prohibits the sale of or dealing in beer, wine, or any intoxicating liquors by any person in any post exchange or canteen or army transport or upon any premises used for military purposes by the United States."

The irony of serving beer in Korea is that the original cause of the war in Korea may possibly go back to the liquor drinking by the enormous staffs of President Roosevelt and Dictator Stalin at the famous Yalta Conference in 1944-1945. Intimations of this are seen in the following quotation from an address by Dr. C. R. Hooton of the Methodist Board of Temperance. At the recent convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Denver, Col., he is reported in *The New York Times* to have said,

More government secrets have leaked from Washington leaders through liquor than have been drained off by direct communist chicanery. The Korean conflict was rooted in the Yalta Conference where Stalin's crowd drank our representatives under the table. It was under the influence of liquor that our delegates surrendered rights, betrayed confidences, entered into agreements that resulted in the north and south division of Korea, and sold Asia down the river.

When the American people voted for the repeal of prohibition in 1933 they never imagined that 17 years later American boys were to die in Korea because American wartime leaders drank too much liquor at Yalta.

utes the action to the powerful influence of Roman Catholic propaganda and the Roman Catholic lobby in Washington. "Thus a Roman Catholic minority won another victory," says the Editor, "in the scheme to use the United States Government to serve the purposes of the Pope. One of the most troublesome aspects of the strained relations be-

tween Russia and the United States is this political influence which the Vatican exerts in Washington." That influence might not be so strong, and such actions as voting a loan to a fascist dictator like General Franco might not occur if more Baptists wrote to the Senators and Congressmen and told them how they feel about it.



The American Separation of Church and State

Editorial review of a set of three remarkable books that should be of primary interest to every Baptist because of the author's objective discussion of a fundamental historic Baptist principle

By WILLIAM B. LIPPARD

THE old fashioned sheepskin diploma of Yale University that hangs in the Editor's library at home carries the signature of Anson Phelps Stokes. For more than 20 years he was Secretary of Yale University. He resigned in 1921 to reenter the Episcopalian ministry and became Canon of the Cathedral at Washington, D. C. Here he served for more than 15 years. During his Cathedral years and the years since then he must have done an incredibly prodigious amount of scholarly research in the supremely important subject of church and state relationships. The results are published* in one of the most noteworthy and monumental works ever produced anywhere.

In three imposing volumes with 138 pages of notes and citations, 112 pages of bibliography and tables of historical dates, and 115 pages of index, Dr. Stokes has produced an authoritative survey of the issue of church and state in the United States. It has never been done before. Nobody will ever need to do it again. Any future writer on church

and state can only begin where Dr. Stokes ends, for on this immense theme he has included everything. How recent is his illuminating discussion of his momentous subject is evident by his magnificently objective treatment of last year's controversy between Cardinal Spellman and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt over federal aid to parochial schools. To this controversy he devotes 14 pages with extensive quotations from the correspondence between the two participants and from newspaper editorials.

After several introductory chapters and a survey of the historical background of American democracy, of major old world influences on the concept of religious liberty, and of the early colonial period in America, with special reference to Massachusetts, Virginia, Maryland, Roger Williams, John Clarke, William Penn, and others, the study begins with the year 1789 when the American Constitution was adopted and the Bill of Rights was drafted with its familiar and often quoted amendment that guarantees the separation of church and state. Included in the three volumes are extracts from many important documents and much original source material never before published. In his selections, in his appraisals, and in his conclusions, Dr. Stokes is su-

* CHURCH AND STATE IN THE UNITED STATES, in three volumes, Volume I with 936 pages, Volume II with 799 pages, Volume III with 1042 pages, by Anson Phelps Stokes, published by Harper and Brothers, \$25 for the set.

premely fair. He is as fair to Roman Catholics as to Baptists. He sets forth the position of extreme sects like Jehovah's Witnesses with the same objectivity that he gives to agnostics. Carefully, painstakingly, and without prejudice, he discusses, for example, the prolonged agitation over the appointment of an American Ambassador to the Pope.

The author must have consulted thousands of pages of reports and published records of the numerous denominations in the United States. Where he found them all is not revealed. Probably much of the original source material is available in the Library of Congress. The three volumes are illustrated with 115 full page reproductions of important, some very rare, documents, cartoons and photographs of personalities, including that of Cardinal Spellman denouncing the Barden Bill and Ambassador Myron C. Taylor at the Vatican.

Included are many pages of historic interest to Baptists, to whom he pays high tribute, for he writes, "*No denomination has its roots more firmly planted in the soul of religious freedom and the separation of church and state than the Baptists.*" We should be proud to have this appreciation from a High Church Episcopalian. He quotes extensively from various Baptist pronouncements on religious liberty, such as the declaration of 1939 adopted by the Northern, Southern, and the two national Negro Baptist Conventions, the address of Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes at the laying of the corner stone of the National Memorial Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., and the Baptist World Alliance Manifesto on Religious Freedom, adopted at Copenhagen in 1947.

He goes into detail about the separation of Northern and Southern Baptists in 1945 over the slavery issue. This will be real news to most Baptists. Courageous was the Foreign Mission Secretary of that period who wrote to a Southern Baptist that if anyone who owned slaves offered himself as a missionary and insisted on retaining them as his property,

the Board would not appoint him. He had no authority for so writing, but the Board confirmed what he wrote and adopted a report drafted by Dr. Francis Wayland then President of Brown University.

The author must likewise have made an exhaustive study of the fundamentalist movement in the United States for he attributes chief responsibility for its emergence in 1920 to the late Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, and he credits him with coining the word "fundamentalist" at the Northern Baptist Convention in 1921.

The finest tribute to this monumental work comes from President Charles Seymour who retired last June as President of Yale University. "It is indispensable for students of American history," he writes. "This monument of learning comes at a time when both the facts and a critical appreciation of the significance of the facts are sorely needed." The author is convinced that the separation of church and state has been of incalculable value to the American people. Anyone who reads these three volumes will reach a similar conclusion and will be more than ever determined that this principle shall never be violated, repudiated, or constitutionally abolished.

This three-volume set of books should be in every Baptist college and theological Seminary library throughout the world, for religious freedom is a cardinal Baptist principle. If any Baptist church is wondering about a useful, indispensable, Christmas gift for its pastor, that would be truly appreciated, the publishers of this work have furnished the answer. Indeed high credit is due Harper and Brothers. The three books are handsomely printed and their presence in any library will constitute a mark of enduring distinction. The publishers have done more than print three monumental books. They have added something of imperishable value and historic significance to the literature of our time.



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Reviews of Current Books and Announcements by Publishers

❁ THEY SOUGHT A COUNTRY, by Kenneth S. Latourette, traces the advance of the great foreign missionary movement from the Anglo-Saxon countries through the lives of five pioneers of burning

passion and zeal for God and the Christianization of the world: WILLIAM CAREY, the "inspired scholar who sought India and the world" for Christ, became the first English missionary to India;

SAMUEL JOHN MILLS, who came out from a haystack prayer meeting in Massachusetts, determined to reach countries to "the remotest corner of this ruined world" pressing on to three continents

and to distant Pacific Islands; HUDSON TAYLOR who won over ill health and civil war to organize the China Inland Mission, the largest mission in the world today; TIMOTHY RICHARD sought to win all China to Christ by ministering especially to the leaders "who ruled and held the poor in bondage," JOSEPH HARDY NEESIMA, the first Japanese Protestant to return to his native land to preach, teach, and train Christian leaders in all walks of life. Through a gripping and picturesque story of the lives of these five men, the vision they beheld, the opposition they confronted at home and abroad, and the confused world in which they lived, Dr. Latourette awakens in the hearts of his readers a determination to advance the cause of missions beyond goals that have engaged our attention in the past. (Harper and Brothers; 156 pages; \$1.75.)

✿ **THE WAY OF DELIVERANCE**, by *Shnsho Hanayama*, who served as Buddhist chaplain to the 27 condemned Japanese army officers, enlisted men and civilians who were found guilty of war crimes. All but one were hanged. The exception was Colonel Satoshi Oie who was executed by a firing squad. There is deep pathos in the fact that one of the condemned had no bereaved family to whom he could write farewell letters. He came from Nakasaki. Long before the American Army hangman's noose was placed around his neck, his entire family had been massacred in the atomic bomb destruction of his home city. The author is an ordained Buddhist priest and a professor in the Tokyo University. He describes vividly his many interviews with the condemned, their intimate talks on life and death, the final

Buddhist ceremonies, somewhat akin to a communion service, or the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church, and the slow, steady, dignified march to the execution chamber which the priest was not permitted to enter. He left the condemned at the door. Thus he did not witness the actual last moment. "To die is like returning home," said one of the condemned as he clasped the priest's hand for the last time. And of him the priest records what he doubtless could have recorded of all, "And finally, having attained a firm faith in Buddha, he passed away in peace of mind, giving no heed either to life or to death." The book is more than a record of the last days of war criminals. It gives an intimate picture of Oriental customs, the faith of Buddhism, superb stoicism and courage in anticipation of death, and pathetic glimpses into human character as revealed in final letters and poems which the author includes. Its reading will raise some disturbing questions as to whether the execution of these condemned was American justice or American revenge. Even General MacArthur intimated the

existence of doubt. In his final orders to proceed with the hangings, he wrote, "Many will disagree with the verdict. Even the learned justices who composed the Tribunal were not in complete unanimity." (Charles Scribner's Sons; 297 pages; \$3.00.)

✿ **THE AWAKENING OF INDIA**, by *William A. Stanton*, is a fascinating story about one of our heroic missionaries. The subtitle, "Forty Years Among the Telugus," is a clue to the fact that the book is autobiographical. It chronicles the events of a life spent in fruitful missionary service. Kurnool, within the historically famous "Lone Star Mission," is transformed from a place where gross superstitions abound to an area "where God moves in the hearts of men." Education, evangelism, training of Indian leadership, and the development of an indigenous church establishes Christianity more firmly in the life of India. The description of events, as the kaleidoscopic pattern of political thought rapidly fluctuates until self-government is a reality, is bewitching. A chapter on Gandhi is especially enlightening. It depicts the leader as a great soul, an emancipator, a prophet of non-violence, a spiritual leader who was a martyr "to the cause he loved and for which he gave his life." Dr. Stanton gives due credit to his consecrated wife who, besides caring for home duties and raising three children, gave able assistance to him in his many endeavors. (Falmouth; 211 pages; \$3.00.)

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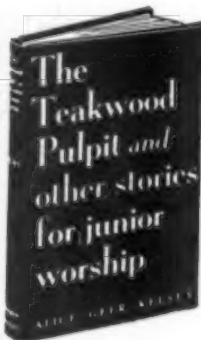
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❁ WHITE WITCH DOCTOR, by Louise A. Stinetorf, is a novel about a young American girl who spent 25 years in Belgian Congo as a medical missionary. Equipped only with a nurse's training and a few obsolete surgical instruments, Ellen Burton found herself called upon to perform all types of surgery. Her love for the natives, her understanding of their needs, together with the healing skill she developed, as she prayed and operated, opened for her doors closed to most white people. The Pigmy people learned to admire and love her. Even the chief with a full harem honored her with an offer of marriage. The book abounds

in amusing, inspiring and spiritually elevating stories. (Westminster; 276 pages; \$3.00.)

❁ POEMS OF EDWIN MARKHAM selected and arranged by Charles L. Wallis, Professor of English at Keuka College, is a collection of the best of Markham's poetry. Several years ago he edited SELECTED POEMS OF JOHN OXENHAM, and now he presents an American poet who has tremendous religious significance. About 50 years ago Markham burst into prominence when *The San Francisco Examiner* first published, "The Man With the Hoe." Appearing four days before the 20th century, this poem was held to be "the battle cry of the next one thousand years." No poem ever published in America had the instant and lasting popularity of "The Man With the Hoe." It was translated into more than 20 languages. Markham lived to be almost 88 years of age, but "The Man With the Hoe," written when he was 47 years of age, catapulted him

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An Envable Record of Service and Efficiency

You as a Baptist, whether as pastor, layman, or woman, should feel considerable satisfaction in the service of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board and its phenomenal growth over the past 30 years. Then the idea of a minister's pension was new and strange; whereas today it is regarded as one of life's inescapable needs

By WILLIAM R. CONKLIN

WHEN the Baptist Retiring Pension Fund was first proposed to the Northern Baptist Convention at Buffalo, N. Y. in 1920, the idea of pensions was new and strange. Many Baptists objected to pensions because it seemed to indicate a lack of faith or might remove from the young minister a powerful incentive for hard work and frugal living. Some objected to the idea of cooperation be-

tween church, pastor, and denomination. "Why not," they asked, "guarantee a pension to every pastor without cost to him?" All such objections have proved groundless. Old age protection has not made pastors indolent. The security has given them a peace of mind which has added to their effectiveness. The cooperative idea has proven to be one of the wisest provisions. A few denominations, which

attempted to provide pensions without cost to pastors discovered that it requires a reserve of funds far beyond the ability of any denomination to provide. Compelled by facts, they reorganized their pension systems on the cooperative basis.

The growth of the Baptist Retiring Pension Fund has been remarkable. In 1921 there were 211 members and Pension Fund assets totaled \$600,000. Today, 30 years later, there are 4569 members, while assets total \$22,352,320. In addition to the Pension Fund assets the Board has \$1,599,577 in the Annuity Fund, while other funds total \$13,740,851. Combined assets are now \$37,692,749. Last year the Board paid out \$643,493 in pensions and disability benefits.

Since its beginning the Board has paid \$9,519,172 in pensions and disability benefits. Use your imagination and break down this large total into thousands of checks going out to the homes of aged ministers and missionaries and bringing comfort and cheer. One recipient wrote, "I am nearly 91 years of age and alone in the world. I cannot tell you how much the pension means to me. I thank God for this organization." Multiply this by 1452 and you will realize something of the value of the Pension Fund.

It is obvious then that when 30 years ago, the American Baptist Convention voted to approve The Retiring Pension Fund Plan, it began a movement which has brought untold benefit to ministers and missionaries and to their families.

We whom you have chosen to formulate and execute the policies of The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board have always taken seriously the responsibility which you have given us. We are constantly aware of the fact that we are dealing basically with the security of the ministers and missionaries whose working days are past. The Board has therefore maintained through the years an enviable record of efficiency. As a business man and a lawyer, I am always interested in comparing the costs of carrying on the work of the Board with those of administering a commercial organization. Administrative expenses for the Board during the past fiscal year show a ratio of expense to assets of less than $\frac{2}{3}$ of 1%. The Annual Report of one of our commercial insurance companies shows the ratio of administrative expenses to total assets as 1.24%. The Annual Report of another insurance company which provides protection for a carefully selected clientele indicates that ratio of administrative expenses to total assets of 1.03%. Baptists can take real satisfaction in such a record.

In addition to its work through The Retiring Pension Fund, the Board makes grants-in-aid to elderly ministers and missionaries who are without the benefit of pension protection or receive pensions which are inadequate for their needs. Each case is given careful, individual consideration and always, where there is need, aid is extended. While the amount given is never adequate to meet the need, it is, nevertheless, a source of blessing and comfort for the recipient as evidenced by letters which come almost daily expressing gratitude for assistance that has been given.

Another aspect of the direct aid program is the emergency grant. When a minister or his family is faced with a catastrophe such as sudden death, tragic disablement, unexpected illness, or some other disaster bringing with it insurmountable expenses until the minister or his widow knows not where to turn, the M and M Board stands as a source of help.

As the situation exists today, the Board is happy but not satisfied. While approximately 70% of our ministers and missionaries are members of the Retiring Pension Fund, 30% still remain without this protection. The majority of them will be unable to make adequate provision for old age. We who have had intimate knowledge of the suffering that can come to a minister and his wife who face old age without the assured income provided by pensions, feel under compulsion to do everything in our power to secure pensions for every pastor in the American Baptist Convention. Unfortunately, churches often seem unaware of their responsibility in this matter. The situation calls for a continuing effort to educate both churches and pastors so that all our ministers as well as our missionaries may have old age security. We can not ignore our responsibility for caring for our workers.

In other denominations where ecclesiastical authority prevails, all churches can be required to provide pension protection for their ministers. Baptists who stress the autonomy of the local church cannot do that, but that does not mean that we have no moral obligation to provide old age protection. Baptists glory in their freedom. But we need also to remember that freedom, if it is not to degenerate into anarchy, must carry with it obligation. Freedom comes from God, and obligation likewise comes from Him. So we are under Divine rather than human compulsion, and we must respond all the more to the task which challenges us.

NOTE.—This article has been condensed from the address delivered by Mr. Conklin as President of the M. & M. Board at the Boston Convention—ED.

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A Monthly Digest from Letters and Reports of Field Correspondents

Pneumonic Plague Delays Christmas in Burma

Although the inoculation of 1200 people against pneumonic plague compelled the postponement of the Christmas festival, it really helped them to acquire a better idea of the meaning of Christmas

ONE series of events did much to get our Christian Centre well known among the surrounding villages. On the 20th of December, the nurse was called to a village to a case which turned out to be the dreaded pneumonic plague. That patient died in 24 hours. On Wednesday night another case was brought to our dispensary hospital.

I mounted my motorbike and went to the District Public Health Officer and asked for serum to inject the people here. Then we sent out news to the 10 nearest villages that this dreadful disease was here, and urged them all to come and be injected. Two more cases showed up in another village and both died. We inoculated more than 1200 people at our dispensary, practically 100% of the population of the nearest 10 villages. People who had never been here before came to us. And they fully realized that we were rendering them a public service.

We had planned a big Christmas Eve "festival," but due to the fear of a plague epidemic, we had to postpone it for a week. That did not bother anyone. As a matter of fact, the opportunity to inoculate 1200 people with plague serum gave us opportunity to invite them and all came.

The Pareh church three miles north of us and the Loikawng

By WILLIAM HACKETT

church three miles south of us joined hands in preparing for and entertaining the 1300 people who came.

Here is a short resume of what we did on that day. People began to come at 10 A.M., and they wandered about the Christian Center grounds and learned a bit about what we do here. By 11:00 the crowd was over 1000 so we began our preaching service. Each of our preachers took some time in explaining the meaning of Christmas, telling the various parts of the Christmas story, and giving an evangelistic message. At about 1 P.M., the whole crowd went down to the stream to witness the baptism of 16 converts. This was a truly impressive event, for these were the first converts to come out of Buddhism and it was a wonderful witness because they confessed their faith in front of their friends and neighbours.

After the baptism, everyone was fed a noonday repast of sticky rice cooked with raw sugar, truly a fine dish. By three o'clock all gathered to see the Christmas pageant given by the 100 children of our school. It was a tableau type of pageant, with a reader, and with carols, solos, and choruses sung by the children. It was all in the Taungthu language,

songs and all, so that the people could get the meaning of it.

After the pageant, we had the gifts from the Christmas tree. Although many of the small gifts sent through the White Cross from our churches in America had been held up in Rangoon due to the insurgent occupation, we managed to have 300 gifts for the children and some of our Christian workers, and oranges for the whole crowd. It was almost 5:00 before people started home, and we felt that we had taken another step in getting to the hearts of the people.

Bringing Christmas Into India's Villages

I wish that you could have been with us when the various classes from the mission school took their Christmas projects out into the surrounding villages. You would have seen how even in India with all its troubles and sorrows the joy that the coming of the Christ-child brought to the world has been discovered.

The school pupils first decided to which village they would go. Then they sent out to find out how many children were in that village. Then they went to the local bazar and bought enough presents so that every child would have a gift. This they did with their own money without any help

from the missionary. On the appointed day each class started off early with presents and food for at least one meal. When they arrived in the village they immediately organized a play-day with all sorts of games for the village children. Our school pupils acted as referees and supervisors. After the games there would be a big feast for the school children and at night a Christmas program which included a religious drama and Christmas songs. The program was closed with the distribution of prizes to the victors in the games and gifts for all the children present. The class would then pile in the mission jeep and trailer for a cold ride home. It can be chilly on a December night

in India. Thus do the pupils of the school learn truly that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

We told you last year about the Christmas program and the distribution of the gifts from White Cross boxes. Having spent seven years working in various churches at home we know first hand how much time and effort and money go into the White Cross boxes which you send out, but please believe me when I say that you would not begrudge a bit of it if you could see the looks of joy on the faces of the children. So I want to say a great big, "God bless you all."—*Marjorie M. Gipson, Vinukonda, South India.*

Should Probation Precede Baptism?

A missionary in Belgian Congo raises the question and then gives a convincing answer in the affirmative by citing the evangelistic results observed on his field during an interesting and inspiring three months tour

By T. E. BUBECK

FOLLOWING the annual conference of missionaries in Belgian Congo at Leopoldville, I

returned to Moanza by river steamer and shortly thereafter left on an extended three months

tour of the Moaza field. I was greatly encouraged by what I found. About 3,000 candidates for baptism were examined by the local church membership committees in the various villages and 1,038 were accepted and baptized. I found these candidates much better prepared than usual because they had carefully studied the little catechism prepared for their use. It is really an excellent manual of Christian doctrine and makes a great contribution to the preparation for church membership. Besides, there is a period of probation usually lasting about a year, although in some cases four and five years.

I recognize that all readers of MISSIONS will not agree as to the wisdom of this period of probation following a clear open confession of faith in Christ. I admit that I have from time to time questioned the wisdom of it, but I believe the results justify the method, and as far as I know it is generally practiced throughout the Belgian Congo field.

As a check more on the system and on myself than on the members I made a careful survey on all members baptised within the past three years. Thus at Kim-



A baptismal service in Belgian Congo at which 86 people were baptized. The jungle stream makes a natural baptistery as it pauses in a pool on its journey to the Congo River

wela, one of our smallest church centers of 103 members who had been baptised since 1946, five had moved, none had died, and the rest were reported as in the church and active members. A few of these were ill when the census was taken and were unable to attend the gathering at Kimwela. At Misela, our youngest church center, of the 20 baptised, two had moved, three were reported inactive or being disciplined for misdemeanor, the remaining 15 or 75% were definitely active in the church. At the third church center where 310 had been baptised, 27 had moved, the same number were reported as inactive or under discipline, six had died and the remaining 250 or 80% were very much alive in the Lord. It was of interest to note that 17 of those are serving as deacons, village catechists, or as wives of church leaders. So I could go on. This may suffice to show that there is a sustained interest among the Church members and also that the system of probation justifies itself.

Let me cite a few incidents which figures do not show or tell. I questioned one teacher-evangelist why so many of his applicants for baptism bore such an excellent witness and were all with one exception received. He replied, "You have to teach them every morning and every evening, day in and day out, week in and week out, month in and month out." One who sat with me ventured the question that was also in my own mind of: "What do you do when they don't come to services?" The faithful worker was just as quick with the answer, "Then you go to them."

This year more chiefs, more leaders of the village life, more elderly women were baptised than ever before. I have always re-

joiced to see youth come forward alone some times, in their stand for Christ. When they come with their fathers and mothers, their chiefs and counsellors there is cause for double rejoicing. One chief came to me at the close of one of our gatherings just as I was about to leave for the next center. In his hand he bore five large fetishes which he wished to discard upon making a public confession of the Lord Jesus as his Savior and Lord. His eyes shone

Missionary Oddities

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ABDOMINAL PRESSURE

YOU will be interested in our latest use of a year's subscription to *MISSIONS*. By that I mean the use of a year's back issues. In the Victoria Memorial Hospital at Hanumakonda, India, we had a woman surgical patient from whom the surgeon removed a huge abdominal tumor that weighed 24 pounds. After the operation we needed something that weighed about four pounds to give pressure to the abdomen so that the bodily adjustment back to normal would not be too great or too rapid. Unfortunately our sand bags were too heavy, but the year's back issues of *MISSIONS* were just about right. So we wrapped the magazines in a pillow case that had come in a White Cross shipment from some church in the United States and thus we were able to supply the proper pressure to the patient's abdomen. She fully recovered. In his wildest dreams of making *MISSIONS* ever more useful the Editor never imagined that a year's subscription would perform such a useful function in a mission hospital in India.—*Elsie Larsen, R. N.*

and his face beamed as he expressed his faith and bore witness to his determination to commit himself entirely to Him.

National Evangelism Conference At Green Lake

Last summer's National Evangelism and Ministers Conference at Green Lake, according to a report from Dr. Walter E. Woodbury, the Home Mission Board's Secretary of Evangelism, included in its enrolment 34 pastors whose salaries back home were such as to justify their accepting the scholarships offered for attendance at this conference. This was the third season when such scholarship assistance was made available. One of the pastors who benefitted by a scholarship wrote the Home Mission Board on his return home, "The conference was the greatest I was ever privileged to attend. I came away deeply moved and I am ever grateful to the Board for having made this attendance at Green Lake possible. The coming months and years of my ministry will be with added purpose." The 34 scholarship pastors were enrolled from 16 different states and represented all sections of our constituency.

This Mid-Century Year In the Chin Hills

The Christians of the Chin Hills of Burma, celebrated their 50th year of Christianity among them with a three day jubilee celebration. Since the Chin people cannot pronounce the letter "J", reports Rev. R. G. Johnson, they called the celebration the Zubilee. Feature of the celebration was the baptism of 373 converts. "Without doubt the baptismal scene is one of those events by which we remember time", continues Mr. Johnson. "What a thrill in the

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What Are The Facts ?

A memorandum of facts that you as a Baptist are entitled to know, and an analysis of the present situation in the denomination, and of plans that are projected to meet it

By LUTHER WESLEY SMITH

(See announcement, "No More Baptisms?" on second cover)

THE denomination is in such a position today that you as a Baptist have a right to have it called to your attention. The budget, which was trimmed considerably below our full needs when it was made, is behind in its collection. In fact, it is $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ behind. In other words, if we continue at the rate we have been going over the past few months, we will end up with every branch of our denominational work suffering a shortage. You ought to know about this.

For your recollection, this is the way the budget is set up.

In general, the Unified Budget of the American Baptist Convention is based upon the recommendations of the Post-War Planning Commission, and the program that was developed during the World Mission Crusade.

1. In line with this planning, a goal of \$6,100,000 was set for the fiscal year 1947-1948. During that year the churches raised only \$4,812,120.

2. For the fiscal year 1948-1949 the adopted goal was \$7,500,000. Receipts for that year were \$5,796,527, including the returns from the Shares of Success campaign.

3. The budget for 1949-1950 was set at \$6,173,830. Receipts for that year, without any special offering, were \$5,461,907.

4. The budget for 1950-1951 is \$5,813,410, including the additional \$92,000 voted in August.

5. As of October 1, receipts for this year were lagging by $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ per cent.

6. This year's budget is set up in such a way that even if 100 per cent of the budget (\$5,813,410), is subscribed, the national societies responsible for foreign missions, home missions, and Christian education will be $23\frac{1}{2}\%$ per cent short of their budgets approved by the denomination. The Convention at Boston decided to raise this deficiency by special offerings. The offerings also must be large enough to take care of the repayment of \$100,000 toward the \$250,000 advance the denomination had to make last year. These two parts of the amount necessary in the offerings aggregate \$600,000.

The final result of this is that the total necessary to be raised in order to care for all of current obligations is \$5,813,410 plus \$600,000 or a grand total of \$6,413,410. This means that in order to have enough money to carry out our originally restricted budget, we not only must make up the $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ per cent which we are now running behind but also make sure of a \$600,000 return in the two offerings.

Perhaps, it would be plainer if we changed from talking about dollars to talking about service.

We ought to say here, however, that we will not do a number of necessary services even if the full budget is raised.

The Home Mission Societies have had to close five Christian Centers. Three others need replacement of personnel. Three Mexican centers need replacements for which there is no money.

It has been necessary to make drastic retrenchment in the amount of aid to missionary pastors and area workers.

On our ten foreign fields and in Europe many doors are open which we had planned to enter. As a matter of fact, we have encouraged 12 young missionaries to prepare themselves for work to which we are unable to send them. In Japan alone, we have held back in appointing three missionary families, two single women and ten short-term missionaries.

The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board reports 1,200 pastors not now in the Pension Fund who would be in if the Board could carry out its projected program of reaching the churches and encouraging those pastors to take advantage of this protection.

The Board of Education and Publication has had to refrain from reappointing a Director of Church School Enlargement, a Director of Vacation and Week-day Church Schools, and a Director of the Junior Church School Program. An urgently needed Baptist youth program which calls for 1,000 youth internes must be held back for lack of funds.

From these facts you can see that we started this year with a restricted program in which we were cut *to the bone* in planning our work. If we do not raise the $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ per cent and the extra \$600,000 through the two offerings, we will have to cut *into the bone*.

How can we possibly make further cuts without doing serious damage to the work for which our Convention was formed?

For example, within the past three years 114,102 baptisms have resulted from the work of our missionaries. A single mission station in Belgian Congo reported 3,500 baptisms last year. Our home mission work in Haiti has been re-

porting some 2,000 baptisms annually. Do you wish to see any of this work cut?

Working through 114 mission stations on ten foreign fields our missionaries minister to 4,282 churches, 3,706 Sunday schools and 93 hospitals and dispensaries. Which of these can we afford to abandon?

On the home front our two home mission societies have 733 missionaries serving in 538 fields and stations including 57 Christian centers. Which of these do we dare sacrifice?

Through united effort of the states, cities and home mission societies a new church has been established on an average of every 10½ days throughout the past ten years. Ought we relax our support of this great work?

What are we to do?

This is the question which forced us to do some serious thinking and then to seek the counsel of the best leadership we could find.

The result is a three-point plan:

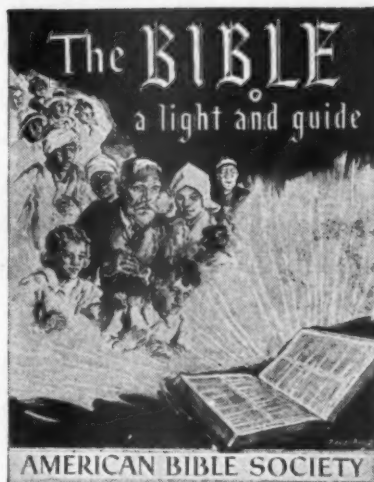
1. A program that will help American Baptists reach the budget goal of \$5,813,410.

2. A response through the two special offerings to satisfy the current budget needs of national agencies which otherwise will be 23½ per cent short of their authorized budgets.

3. A plan which will bring the resources of our spiritual democracy to bear upon the local church so as to undergird and strengthen the financial program of the whole denomination for the fiscal year May 1, 1951-April 30, 1952.

To put this three-fold plan into operation calls for a program of information, inspiration and training at every level of our work.

Within the next 30 days this story should be told to all boards



Reproduction of the poster to promote the observance of Worldwide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving Day until Christmas. See announcement on page 602

of promotion or state executive committees. It is expected that one result of these meetings will be the formation of large groups of laymen and laywomen in each state. These will share with the promotional boards the responsibility of carrying the story to the local churches. They will prob-

ably be known as Laymen's Service Committees.

It will be a major objective of the new plan to give strong leadership to the local church and to the denomination as a whole in getting ready for the budget of 1951-52. This phase of the program will include help that will be available to the local church in conducting its Every Member Canvass. In other words, the denomination will concern itself with giving the kind of financial counsel to the individual church that will help it to secure larger financial resources for its whole responsibility both in relation to its local budget and its part in the Unified Budget.

Church Employees And Social Security

Congress recently amended the Social Security Act so that lay employees, men and women, of religious and charitable organizations, and of local churches, who include organists, choir directors, salaried church school superintendents, janitors, secretaries, and other employees, are now eligible for its pension provisions. Some years ago the American Baptist Convention appointed a special committee on Lay Employees' Pensions, consisting of Forrest Smith, *Chairman*, Luther Wesley Smith, and L. G. Edwards. The committee now calls the attention of the churches to this amended Social Security Legislation which is available to church lay workers on and after January 1, 1951. The committee suggests that all churches give careful and serious consideration to the advisability of including their lay workers under the provisions of this federal Social Security Act. If you are in need of information, write to Mr. Forrest Smith, *Chairman*, 152 Madison Avenue, 17th Floor, New York 16, N. Y.

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In the Mission Fields of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

CHRISTMAS IN BURMA

By HELEN L. TUFTS

KEMMENDINE School, Rangoon, continues to add to its fine reputation for both scholastic standing and extra-curricular achievements, their constant generosity in helping every good cause. During the Christmas vacation the staff sacrificed several days of holiday to entertain the delegates to the Evangelistic Retreat, feeding about 125 persons each morning and providing hostel space and evening meals for over 40 delegates.

Just before closing the school for the Christmas holidays Kemmendine School invited their friends to a Christmas service that was one of the finest in Rangoon this year. The Christmas story was reverently and beautifully portrayed out-of-doors, by students of the school. A village well was at hand for the early scenes. The platform was ingeniously contrived by fitting school desks together. The costumes, music,



The manger scene in the Kemmendine School Christmas Cantata

acting were all delightful, and the out-of-door setting added to the realistic quality of the whole. The various characters, shepherds, wise men and others, moved quietly down the long aisles between banks of benches as though from long distances, and the deliberation of the actors, the afternoon sunshine falling upon each scene, the lovely Christmas music, all added to a very beautiful presentation of the Christmas story.

Christmas among the Santals

By NAOMI H. KNAPP

THE Christmas season in Bhimpore District, Bengal, India, was a very busy one as usual. A former Assam missionary who was with us over Christmas said that she had never been in a place before where there were so many activities at that time.

Christmas really began the Sunday before with a very pretty candlelight service in the church, the platform of which was banked with poinsettias. Through the week groups gathered around the tree in our house to hear the Christmas story read once more and to sing Christmas carols. This leafless shrub tree was put in a tin of sand and the branches covered with cotton, icicles, and Christmas bells. On the mantle were many of the cards from home to add to the Christmas cheer. The noisiest time was on Christmas when Santa arrived in person and made all the orphan-



The Angel Chorus in the Christmas Cantata by the Kemmendine School

age youngsters happy with new clothes, some of which were dresses sent in White Cross boxes and toys, pencils.

The Christmas play given by the school centered around giving and the thought of the greatest gift of all, Jesus. On the last morning before the play the children brought in their gifts. Hardly a child came empty-handed. Some brought rice, some money, some toys they had received the year before. Many of the older girls had sewed garments for poorer people.

On Christmas Day we had a beautiful worship service. The speaker of the day was Mr. Santosh Patra, a teacher in the boys' high school and an editor of a magazine containing daily Bible readings. Monday afternoon they had the church Christmas tree and used the flannelgraph to tell the story of the birth of Jesus. Many Hindu people were there to hear it.

The Bible women and I had come in from touring on the 17th, just in time to help with Christmas. Most of November and December we had spent in the villages. It is such a delight to have the new car to take us places. We are so thankful to the American friends who provided it for us. Of course, there are places where the car can't go. Our roads here are made for oxcarts with a clearance of about two feet. Even on the main road we got caught on a sluice with a tin over it. The car had to be lifted off and the road built up on the sides so we could get over it. The last five miles to Gojpator took us three hours. *Pator* means stone and we surely found them. The worst was a rock over two feet square, standing over eighteen inches high, right in the middle of the road, with no way around it. Some

of the village men came to help get it out, saying, "Our carts have gone over it for years and we have done nothing about it!" Our return trip was made more quickly since we had cleared the roads.

Of course there are rice fields, ponds, and jungle roads where we have walked rather than make the car try them. One of these places was Chirogora. We left the car at Gojpator, got an oxcart for the things, and walked the five miles through the hills. We saw fresh bear tracks, and the people told us many stories of bears and leopards, but we saw neither. However, we know they are there, for we saw one man, who was asking to be baptized, who had been badly disfigured by a bear.

It is easy to find the Christian homes in the villages, for each one has a cross painted on it. Many walls are beautifully decorated in interesting colored designs, the cross often being the central figure. The colors are obtained from rocks or plants. The women spend hours painting these designs, sometimes writing Bible verses also. At Hatibhari one of the first things seen as one comes out of the jungle is a little church nestled at the foot of a low hill. The three Christian families there built the church. As we met with them for prayer we thanked God for these little bands of Christians scattered throughout the land of India and prayed that they might be as lights shining to show the way to many more. In another village one man had built a room on one side of his house, planning for it to be used as a place of worship until a church can be built.

Sometimes it seems that people have heard the gospel over and over and still there are no results, like the seed that fell on the hard and stony path. However, again

on this trip we have had evidence of the truth of God's promise, "My word will not return unto me void." On talking with a villager who is asking for baptism we learned that he had had a Bible in Dr. Oxreider's time (more than twenty years ago). Now he had decided that he must acknowledge Christ as his Saviour. He seems very eager to learn more. He walked three miles to get a New Testament and then bought two, one in Bengali and one in Santali, so that both he and his son could read them. Pray for this family, and for many others who have heard, that they too may accept Christ as Saviour.



Sara B. Gowen

Miss Sara B. Gowen, first a missionary to Bengal-Orissa for the Free Baptist Women's Missionary Society and then the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, died in Boston, Mass., June 20, after a serious illness. Miss Gowen sailed to the field in October, 1909 as a trained kindergartener, and within six months of arrival, with only the rudiments of language study, an emergency placed her in charge of a kindergarten of 100 children, many of them famine orphans of Sinclair Orphanage in Balasore. In later years she filled other emergencies in other stations, but most of her work was in Balasore with the children or among the women in Hindu homes. Her skillful hands made her just the person to direct women needing employment in the making of embroidery, lace and other beautiful articles for sale. Although not a trained nurse she brought health and reassurance to many a sufferer. Probably no Indian patriot loved India and her people more devotedly. She watched with intense concern the steps that led to the independence of India. From the

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Christmas Candles at Brooks House

By ELSIE PETTEYS



Worshipping the Christchild—Pageant at Brooks House

CHRISTMAS candles! "Shall we make our own Christmas candles for Brooks House and for our homes?" the leader asked the members of Chatter Box Club.

Chatter Box is a club of 12 girls, nine and ten years of age. Its 12 members are Negro and white, Catholic and Protestant, of several different national backgrounds, and who attend three different schools. Its members all live within a few blocks of the House and are the best of friends.

"Make candles? How can we do that?" "Can we take them

home?" "When do we burn them?" "What are they for?" "Can we start now?" "Why doesn't Brooks House buy candles?" The leader was bombarded with questions.

"Do you remember our last year's Christmas program called 'The Hanging of the Greens?' You were younger then. What was your part in the program?"

"We lit candles and carried them to the balcony in the gym." "We sang a song about the lighting of candles every Christmas night."

"And how did all you 30 boys and girls light your candles?"

"Bessie and Douglas had large lighted candles." "Their candles were in the front windows of Brooks House after that." "Somebody lighted them every night." "My candle almost went out when we were marching to the balcony." "I held my hand in front of mine so it wouldn't." "Maxine and I are in the choir this year so we won't carry candles."

"Those two big candles that Bessie and Douglas held were made by Friendship Club last year, but they're all burned down. Big candles like that cost two and three dollars apiece if you buy them. We can make some from the old candles we have and save that money. Besides, it's fun."

"But how?" came in a chorus.

"First, tell me, do you want to do it?" asked the leader.

"Yes."

"Then let's go to the kitchen and I'll tell you as we go along."

The girls were happy and full of chatter about the coming program and their part in it as the leader showed them how to melt old candles, save the wicks, color the wax by melting crayolas into it, and pour the wax slowly into the cardboard moulds. One long candle was supported in the middle to give a wick. After the two big candles were made, each girl made her own smaller candles in moulds she had made from tin cans or jello moulds.

"Are the candles all prepared?"

"No, next week we shall take the cardboard off and then drip melted red wax up and down them. That will take time and patience but it makes them much prettier. While you do it I shall read you a story about a girl in Pennsylvania who made Christmas candles the old fashioned way and about what happened when she put her candle in the window on Christmas eve. Some of you asked what Christmas candles are for and when they should be lighted. That story about Becky will answer your questions."

As the week passed, members of Chatter Box asked about "our candles" every time they saw the leader. They were all present at the next meeting. After they were well started on the "dripping process" the leader told the story about Becky and her Christmas candle. Sometimes they forgot to drip their candles for a few minutes as they listened. Becky's mother told her that the Christmas candle burning in the window meant that the family living there was ready to welcome the Christ Child. Her friendly concern for others and her Christmas candle brought a homesick soldier to share her family's Christmas. The club members caught the real joy that came to Becky and her family as they shared their Christmas celebration with the soldier.

"I'm going to burn my candle in the front window on Christmas eve."

"Me, too."

"I'm glad that you are but be sure that there are no curtains or wreaths nearby to catch on fire, and remember the real reason for putting your candle in the window."

"I wish the Christ Child would send someone to our door on

Christmas eve like He did to Becky's."

"Maybe He will if we are friendly and keep our eyes open like she did."

"Miss Petteys, isn't that what Jesus meant when He said 'Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these my brothers, you have done it unto me?' If we help other people it's just like helping Him."

"Yes, and the lighted candle in the window means that we accept Him in our hearts and will try to live as He wants us to. If some one comes to us for help we will try to give it. More than that, we will be like Becky and watch for people we can help."



When Christmas Comes To Colegio Bautista

By ESTER FAIRBANK

A wandering dog barked outside in the street! A saucy rooster crowed! Three missionaries sleepily crawled out of bed before daylight and threw on their clothes. Tiptoeing around they filled their arms with odd shaped little packages wrapped in red and green Christmas paper of various kinds. Out the door of the missionary cottage they crept to the cedar tree in the center of the boarding school patio. In the moonlight the blue, red, yellow, and green covered milk caps hanging from its branches blew gaily in the breeze. The internas had joyfully decorated the tree several days before, and each night had sat around the tree which was brightly

lighted with colored electric lights. Lighted Christmas trees were a novelty in this tropical land. The girls loved to sit in the dark and sing:

Noche de paz, noche de amor
Todo duerme en derredor
Entre los astros que esparcen su luz
Bella anunciando al niño Jesús,
Brilla la estrella de paz,
Brilla la estrella de paz.

Yes, Silent Night, Holy Night is the same the world around, and even gains new beauty when sung by hearts newly opening to the love of this wonderful Saviour.

It was getting light! The night watchman was pressed into service. Many trips were made as gifts were laid at the foot of the tree and hung in the branches. There wasn't room for everything! A larger tree closeby was also laden with colored tissue paper "bombs" filled with home-made coconut candy made by one of the missionaries from the coconut trees right in their own yard; fudge, penoche, and some store candy. Fringed on each end and with string handles, the "bombs" swayed in the happy breezes.

The last packages were being placed on the tree and anxious glances hastily thrown towards the big building. Was that a giggle being muffled from upstairs? Sounds like someone whispering, and like others are moving around'. Yes, the internas have awakened and are trying oh so hard to keep still, but they are watching every move we make. Some are even getting dressed in the dark and probably having difficulties in finding their shoes and stockings.

Cleaning and morning chores were a bit hurried and neglected that exciting morning. Soon each interna came trooping out of the

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MISSIONARY • EDUCATION

Christmas

Christmas always comes as a fresh reminder to all men of the divine invasion into the world of human consciousness and need. Its best symbols are stars for light and songs for gladness and a baby in its cradle for the warmth of love. To realize the nearness of God and the help He gives is the only foundation for peace in the inner security and calm of the soul and in the outward order of a society fulfilling its largest functions in God's providence. We need Christmas in 1950 more than ever because we need a fresh vision of the God it reveals. May this season renew in each one of us a deeper conviction of the goodness of God. May we find in its star the light of truth to guide us, in its gladness the response of trusting and obedient hearts, and in its Christ the Lord and Saviour who commands our utmost devotion and consecration.

At Christmas Time

When the church bells ring out through the clear, crisp air and faces brighten, steps lighten, graciousness and courtesy dominate the manners of those we meet in our daily travels because those bells are playing Christmas Carols do you have a desire to send a special Christmas greeting to all whom you know? Do you want that greeting to be a thoughtful and a joyous one and not just a Christmas card? If so, the sending of a copy of "The Good News" could be the answer.

A month ago it was a pleasure to bring to your attention the beautiful edition of the Gospel of Luke entitled "The Good News." Now through the courtesy of the



Lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was.

—From *The Life of Christ*, by the Indian artist, Albert Thomas, by courtesy of The British Book Center, New York.

American Bible Society, portions of an article in the *Bible Society Record* by Dr. Francis C. Stifler, is brought to you.

Illustrated Gospel of St. Luke

More than a century ago a renowned French philosopher and theologian called the Gospel of Luke "the most beautiful book ever written." An old legend has it that Luke, besides being a physician, was also an artist. There is, at least, symbolic truth



in this story; for the author of the Third Gospel painted word pictures that have hung in the galleries of men's minds through all the Christian generations—pictures found nowhere else in the Gospels: The Nativity; the boy Jesus in the temple; the Parables of the Good Samaritan; the Prodigal Son; the Lost Sheep; the Rich Man and Lazarus; the anointing in the house of Simon the Pharisee; the mission of the Seventy; the visit to the home of Mary and Martha; the story of the ten lepers; the Pharisee and the publican at prayer; the story of Zacchaeus; the detailed story of the risen Lord's appearance on the road to Emmaus.

In the realm of poetry Luke's Gospel also stands high, with his reporting in his first two chapters not only the song of the angels at the birth of Christ, but those songs of Mary, Zacharias and Simeon which we have come to call the Magnificat, the Benedictus and the Nunc Dimittis.

How much we should have had to go without, had Luke never taken up his pen! Thus "The most beautiful book ever written" deserves to be presented in the most attractive form possible. This the American Bible Society has undertaken to do.

This new volume entitled "The Good News" contains 60 pictures selected after many weeks of search for their authenticity and beauty; two maps; and an introductory statement describing ancient Palestine and Jerusalem. The captions of the pictures give additional information. The text woven among the pictures is that of the familiar and beloved King James Version

in bold-faced, self-pronouncing type. *The Good News* should become one of the most useful publications the American Bible Society has ever made available. It is ideal for Christmas distribution, for Daily Vacation Bible Schools, for pastoral visitation, for awards for such institutions as hospitals, homes for the aged, and the like.

By exercising every reasonable economy the Society is able to distribute the new illustrated Gospel of Luke in quantities of 50 or more in cartons, at five cents a copy. In lesser quantities the price is six cents. If you desire, send your order to the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

Books for Christmas

By DOROTHY A. STEVENS

Books are precious things; they contain the distillation of great thoughts, stimulation to action, comfort for the sorrowful, patterns of devotion for the seekers of truth. God may be found

Bible Book of the Month

December Luke
January Genesis
February Titus and Philemon



through some books, is always accessible through the Book of Books.

The world's yearning for books is unsatisfied. Book drives for devastated libraries hardly provide a scattering of books for the thousands of yawning shelves. But we have books, and we may buy more.

This Christmas let us share some of the riches of men's

minds, the beauty of Christian art and thought with our pastor, other friends, our children, our neighbors.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST. By an Indian artist, *Albert Thomas*. Illustrations and scripture. \$3.75.

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THE BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Dear Friends of the Fellowship:

"First, may I wish you all a blessed New Year and may God seem nearer and more precious to you during this year than ever before. Let us work together that many may be won for Him in this new year." So wrote Miss Phyllis L. Beckley in her New Year's letter a year ago and I am sure it would be her wish to BYF'ers for 1951 too. Phyllis is one of the J-3 missionaries in Japan which means she is in that land as a short-term worker. She tells of the welcome she received from the

people; of living in a prefabricated house within view of Mt. Fuji and the harbor; of having experienced typhoons and earthquakes; of seeing the eager interest of open-minded students and the deep sincerity of the Christians.

One of the student groups she works with is the Soshin Girl's School at Yokohama where she teaches English. Application for enrollment from the newly organized Phyllis Beckley Guild Chapter of this school has been received and with it the letter quoted below

from its secretary. How heartily we of the Fellowship welcome this tie with Japan.

Sincerely yours,

Elis P. Kappaw

Dear Friends:

In Japan it is getting cool day by day, but how is your country?

Now, we organized our W.W.G. by Miss Beckley's proposal. This numbers are fifteen peoples who are all Soshin High School which is mission product school. All of

us like English so much and we are studying it hardly. Mr. Chiba, principal of our school came back in April in this year from America, Mrs. Hino also came back in July, two missionaries and others. Some of them observed some W.W.G. in America or other especially organized (youth group) so we make prosper by hearing their talks. We want to correspondence with you and our friendship will grow. God's blessing on all of you.

Sincerely yours,
Chiyako Koike, Secretary

Campers in Japan

Several years ago in Inagawa, a small rural village and community near Osaka, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Foote built a small summer home. This home became a conference center for young people and other church groups. Nearly 2,000 campers attended this year. Dr. Foote writes:

"This is the morning after the Fourth. Inagawa is peaceful, though it may look like a camp with our tents up. We are better equipped this summer than ever before. Already we have had three camps up; leader's camp of our own Baptists; thirty young ladies from the YWCA of Kobe, Osaka and Kyoto; and the Keimei girls' high school of Kobe—sixty girls. Thick and fast they come in turn.

It is a joy to hear the laughter, the songs and the murmur of voices. Japan's need is for Christian leaders trained in the graces of Christian living."

Reports continue to come that churches and Sunday School classes are filled with young people. Often 90% of people attending church are young people. Dr. Sherwood Eddy declares that in all his travels he has never seen anything equal to the open door that the church is facing in Japan today.

Unique Fashion Show

The Willie P. Harris Chapter of the World Wide Guild of the First Baptist Church of Wyoming, Pa., held a Mother's Day Tea with the mothers and grandmothers of the members and the members of the two mission Societies as honored guests. The tables were attractively decorated. Miniature hats from paper cups and doilies, and bits of ribbon and veiling as favors for the guests. The two counselors, Mrs. Merle Rhoades and Mrs. John E. Donovan, were presented with corsages of pink carnations. The program included a fashion show, piano and vocal selections by the girls in the Guild and several songs by the entire Guild. The fashion show was not an ordinary

one. Instead we visited Baptist mothers and daughters of different countries. Each of the mothers and daughters were given names typical of the country they represented. A script was read introducing each couple and telling a little about them. A silver offering was taken after the tea. This offering was used to send girls to the Eastern Pennsylvania Guild House Party.

German Baptists at Work

A small leaflet of the German Baptist Union sets the case for its work for Sunday School and young people in the brief statements below. As we give to our unified budget for our Baptist World Missions we help the work in Germany.

The Task—Never before had Germany so high a percentage of children and young people as now. 28% are under 16 years old.

The Work—In 1949 about 16,750 young people took part in our youth assemblies in the Bible Study Camps. 30% came from non-Christian families.

The Problem—200,000 left school and found no work in 1950. That now means a total of 700,000 unemployed 14-25 years old. *Where will they go to?*

Christian Leaders Needed—The Youth Training Center was



Missionary Fashion Show presented by Willie P. Harris Chapter of the First Baptist Church of Wyoming, Pa.

established in Hamburg. It is the first one among the free churches on the European Continent.

The German Youth in Need Is Calling For Active Love.

Going Places?

If you are going places mission wise here are some road maps you should be aware of. A new Baptist foreign mission wall map called *Foreign Mission Story* not only marks our ten foreign fields but gives brief sketches of our work. Price 50 cents.

The *Baptist Home Mission Map* marks with symbols the types of work we are doing in all but a few of the United States and in the areas adjacent, 25 cents.

The *Political Map of the Near East and Africa* is in four colors and has a large insert sheet showing the political partition of Palestine, 50 cents. Younger groups will enjoy the map entitled *Bible Lands Today* which is a work map with insert sheets dealing with the religions and peoples of Bible lands. 75 cents.

A new *Picture Map of the United States* with insert sheet gives emphasis on good citizenship in the community. 75 cents. An *Outline Map of the United States* comes in wall and small size for use in the study of the home mission theme, "Toward a Christian Community." 25 cents or 25 cents a dozen respectively.



Rev. & Mrs. Russell E. Brown and baby

Discipleship Internes Go Overseas

Many will remember Russell Brown and Bernice Beckwith in their work as Discipleship Internes. Their interest in a common task brought them together and their dedication to Christian service led to their appointment as foreign missionaries.

Rev. Russell E. Brown, of Massachusetts was graduated from Colby College and from Andover Newton Theological Seminary. He worked for the Home Mission Society in Wyoming for a year to teach high school and help with the mission work. Following that he helped to organize the B.Y.F. Summer Service Project in Hullett, Wyoming. After taking graduate work at Andover Newton, Russell Brown became a Discipleship Interne for the Baptist Youth Fellowship and was assigned to Minnesota. He became assistant

minister at the First Baptist Church in St. Paul.

Mrs. Russell Brown is from Milford, Michigan. She attended Michigan State College and the Baptist Institute for Christian Workers in Philadelphia. She became a Discipleship Interne for Michigan.

To Russell and Bernice and their baby daughter go the prayers and best wishes of all of the Baptist Youth Fellowship. The Browns will be another BYF tie with young people in Burma.

Your United Nations

The Guild House Party program of last summer started up a lot of interest in the United Nations and young people everywhere are feeling more and more concern for this organization. Make it your United Nations by being informed about it. One very helpful booklet is entitled *How Peoples Work Together*, 50 cents a copy; 25 or more copies 35 cents each. It may be ordered direct from the publisher, the Manhattan Publishing Co., 225 Lafayette St., New York 12, N. Y.

The book is profusely illustrated with pictures, drawings and graphs, the text is concise. How the United Nations works in the Security Council, the General Assembly and the special agencies is stated briefly. The book was prepared by the Department of Public Information of the United Nations.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

The Children's World Crusade

Dear Boys and Girls,

Christmas time is a happy time for boys and girls who have helped to make other children happy.

Thank You for all you have done! So many missionary boxes have been sent. How happy our missionaries are to have the books,

pictures, clothing, crayons, pencils, marbles, ribbons and all the other nice things you have sent to put on a Christmas tree for



Crusader Group at Lewistown, Mont., with leader, Eith Van Hee

their boys and girls in India, in the Philippines, in the migrant areas.

You have helped to send sets of pictures to boys and girls in so many different countries. Already some of those pictures have been received and in next month's issue of *Missions* there will be a thank you for the sets sent to Puerto Rico.

You have sent money for Bibles this year, Bibles that help boys and girls to know and read about the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Your own Christmas should be a very happy one because you've helped other people to know and love Jesus.

Your friend,
Florence Stansbury

Missionary Helpers in Lewistown, Montana

We are really having a good time in our Crusader's Meetings. In the picture as you can see we are cutting out religious pictures from calendars and cards, to fill a box to send overseas. We also

voted to send \$2.00 to Pictures for Children Everywhere. We are packing a box of clothing for Mather School for their Sales House. We also made muslin squares for the White Cross box.

We have just completed the stewardship course on Money Travels. Also we have circulating in our group: *Where the Carp Banners Fly*, *Blueberry Acres*, *Mingo of the Merry-go-round*. So you see we have been very busy since we started January 8th. *Mrs. Edith Van Hee.*

Missionary Project in Camp

Camp is over. We collected \$15.45 altogether for the work of Mr. Robertson among the Navajos to be divided as follows: \$5.25 for powdered milk, \$4.00 for records and \$6.20 for school supplies. The check will go to him from our State Convention office so that he can buy the specific things he needs most. We had talked about the project for several days, after having read the campers the thank-you letter from Burma where our gifts were sent last

year. On Sunday each child wrote on a piece of paper the amount they wished to give (to be taken from their store card) and which of the three projects they wanted it to go for. We gathered around a lovely pine tree and sang a few Christmas carols. Then Princess Red-wing told something about the Navajos and why they were in need. After a prayer of consecration of the gifts, the children came forward and put them (their papers, that is!) in an open Bible which Princess held as we sang, "Silent Night." In our opening remarks we spoke of this as our summer Christmas tree and the fact that giving in the spirit of Jesus can be done at any time during the year. *Betty Gale*, West Hartford, Connecticut.

Christmas Is Coming

Sometimes boys and girls want to have a Special Christmas-tree-party for boys and girls someplace else in the world. Why not a party for boys and girls in Haiti? Did you read the story in the September and October issues of *Missions* from Mrs. Heneise? She is one of our missionaries in Haiti. In those stories she tells about boys and girls who will have no Christmas except that which we send.

If you plan for this kind of party have a large map of Haiti in the room. Locate some of our mission fields in Haiti. See *A Book of Remembrance* for details. Learn some of the games the children play in Haiti.

After a brief and lovely dedication of the gifts wrap and pack them in a box. Be sure to address the box as follows:

Pasteur Harold Heneise,
Semaire Baptiste
Box 40, Cap Haitien, Taiti
"Old Clothes for Free
Distribution"



Juniors of West Medford, Mass.

West Medford Juniors

This picture shows a group of Juniors of the West Medford Baptist Church, West Medford, Massachusetts. They are packing Craft Kits for Migrant children. We studied *Sandy and Mr. Jalopy* and *Children of One Father*. One Sunday we invited the Juniors of the Shiloh Baptist Church, and Miss Helen Duffill showed a film strip *Children of the Harvest*. For the Craft Kits the children and superintendent brought construction paper, round end scissors, crayons, rulers and pencils. *C. Beatriz Weinhold*, Junior Superintendent.

The Whole World Singing By EDITH LOVELL THOMAS

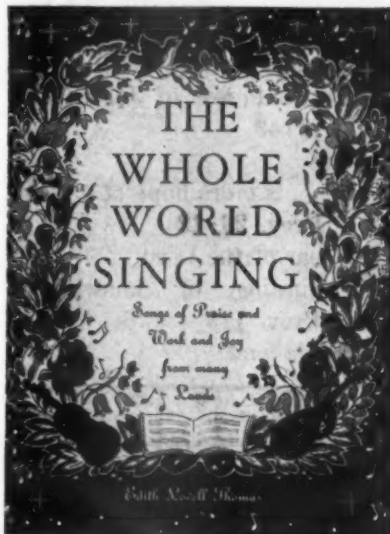
Here, in the space of 128 pages, Edith Lovell Thomas has brought to the children of this country dozens of songs of every description that are sung today by the children of many lands around the globe. Work songs, play songs, hymns, psalms, chanteys, lullabies, and patriotic tunes have been culled from lands as different as Samoa and Iceland, France and China, India and Uruguay.

The songs in this volume are arranged in seven main sections:

Wake up and sing
Singing at work and play
Friends in many places
In our homes
Watch and wonder
Days of joy
Together in worship

Within this seven-group framework the editor has compressed the words and music of enough songs to enchant children—and grown-ups, too—for weeks and weeks wherever group singing takes place, at church, at school, or at home in family gatherings around the piano. Many are annotated with interesting information explaining their origin, the occasions when they are sung, etc. Price \$1.50.

About the author. Edith Lovell Thomas is widely known in the field of religious music and education. She holds the degrees of



Bachelor of Religious Education and Master of Education from Boston University, and also the degree of Master of Sacred Music from the Union Theological Seminary. Born and raised in a Methodist parsonage, where family singing and reading were part of the daily program, Miss Thomas has carried the tradition into her life's work. She has written many songs herself, a number of which are found in this book and in four previous singing books for children which she has edited.

Good Work, Madison

The results and interest of the children of the Vacation Church

School of the Madison Baptist Church of Madison, West Virginia were most gratifying. The enrollment was 115 pupils, with an average attendance of 90 for the 10 days.

The Kindergarten Department's project was "Toys for the Bethel Christian Center in Boston." The children had a good time bringing the toys, and learned many things about sharing the things they have with others. Stories and singing songs taught them that they should share the things they have with children not as fortunate as they were.

The Primary Department's project was "A Book About Us," which was sent to the Belgian Congo. This book contains many pictures and drawings of our homes, our families, our school, and our church. We feel that the missionary, Mary Bonar, will be happy to show the people how we live, and learn, through our churches, of Jesus. The beautiful cover for this book was made as a part of the handiwork of the Intermediate Department.

The Junior Department did White Cross Sewing as their missionary project. The girls enjoyed rolling bandages and cutting quilt blocks. This project was also sent

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A Primary child with the project book, "A Book About Us"

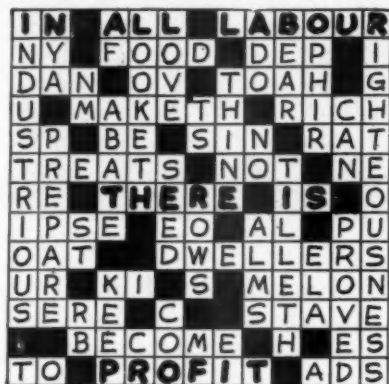
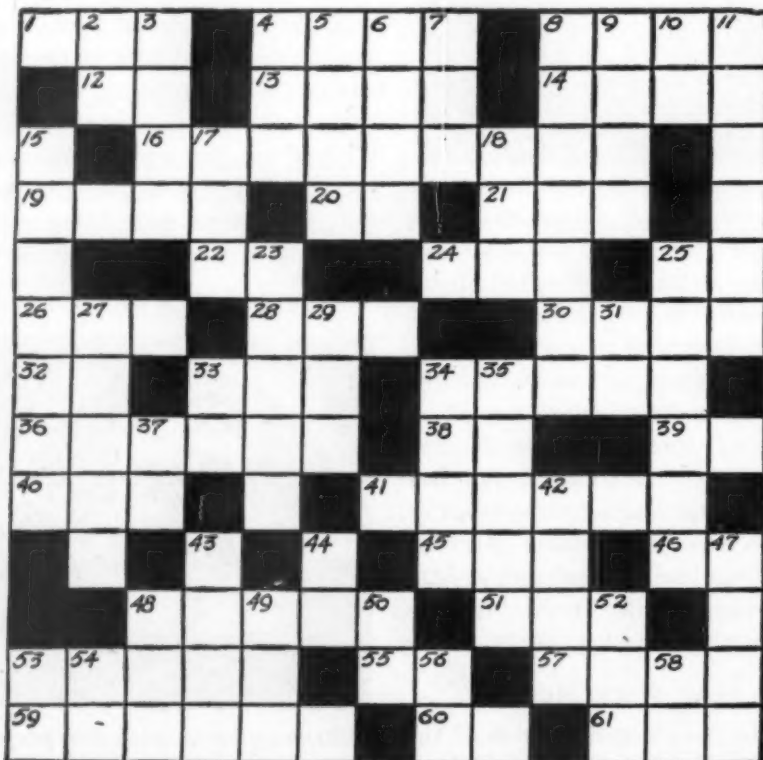
MISSIONS CROSS WORD PUZZLE PAGE

No. 65—Foolishness

ACROSS

1. "labour of . . . foolish wearieth" Eccl. 10:15
4. "every . . . will be meddling" Prov. 20:3
8. Combining form denoting severe pain (med.)
12. "ye fools, be ye of . . . understanding heart" Prov. 8:5
13. "he . . . no pleasure in fools" Eccl. 5:4
14. "I . . . unto the fools, Deal not foolishly" Ps. 75:4
16. "Folly is joy to him that is . . . of wisdom" Prov. 15:21
19. "His soul shall dwell at . . ." Ps. 25:13
20. House of Commons
21. Relative 22. Pound
24. "said, I go . . . and went not" Matt. 21:30
25. Forest Reserve 26. Chum
28. ". . . not vain repetitions" Matt. 6:7
30. Greek hero

32. "a man wise . . . his own conceit" Prov. 26:12
33. "foolish son is the heaviness of . . . mother" Prov. 10:1
34. "O fools, and slow of . . . to" Luke 24:25
36. "How long, ye . . . ones, will ye love simplicity" Prov. 1:22
38. Capital of Moab Num 21:15
39. ". . . every one that thirsteth" Isa. 55:1
40. Nineteenth letter of the alphabet
41. "honour for a man to cease from. . ." Prov. 20:3
45. Ever (cont.)
46. Right guard (football)
48. Father-in-law of Jacob Gen. 27:43
51. Pat
53. ". . . is more hope of a fool" Prov. 26:12
55. "fear of the Lord . . . the beginning of knowledge" Prov. 1:7
57. Table-land



Last Month's Puzzle

59. ". . . is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king" Eccl. 4:13
 60. "in great fear, where . . . fear was" Ps. 53:5
 61. "to us there is but one. . ." I Cor. 8:6
- DOWN
2. "saith among the trumpets, . . ." Job 39:25
 3. "eyes of a fool are in the . . . of the earth" Prov. 17:24
 4. Fellow of the Horticultural Society
 5. "hath taken an . . . of him" Ezek. 17:13
 6. Pertaining to the ear
 7. Lord High Treasurer
 8. Asteriated stone
 9. Celt 10. Japanese measure
 11. ". . . poison is under their lips" Ps. 140:3
 15. "but fools . . . wisdom" Prov. 1:7
 17. Snakelike fish
 18. Son of Hur Ex. 31:2
 23. "which . . . his house upon the sand" Matt. 7:26
 25. "foolish son is the calamity of his. . ." Prov. 19:13
 27. Common herb Matt. 23:23
 29. Compass point
 31. Doctor 33. High Priest
 34. "and fools . . . knowledge" Prov. 1:22
 35. "and have . . . exceedingly" I Sam. 26:21

37. Manuscript
 42. Duke of Edom Gen. 36:43
 43. "hast no . . . with me" John 13:8
 44. North America
 47. "wise son maketh a . . . father" Prov. 15:20
 48. ". . . me not wander" Ps. 119:10
 49. Honey insect 50. Nickel
52. "be continually vagabonds, and . . ." Ps. 109:10
 53. Terbium
 54. "rebuke a wise man, and . . . will love" Prov. 9:8
 56. Tin
 58. "heart of the foolish doeth not . . ." Prov. 15:7
 Our text is 1, 4, 13, 14, 32, 33, 34, 53, 55, 60 and 61 combined

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Are You Looking For a New Cook Book?

The descriptive and intriguing title of a cook-book, *Good Food from the Near East*, by Joan Rowland, who in private life is Mrs. Nicholas Mocharniuk, suggested to the Forum Conductor, why not a Near East luncheon? So she wrote to the author and asked for a suggested menu or Near East dishes not too difficult to prepare in the church kitchen. Mrs. Mocharniuk responded most graciously with not one menu but with two.

The menus and accompanying suggestions are on this page.

Good Food From The Near East may be in your Public Library. It is available at denominational bookstores at \$2.75 per copy.

Food From the Near East

By

MRS. NICHOLAS MOCHARNIUK

I am glad that my book will be of help to church groups. It has been my experience that sitting around a table and eating together induces fellowship successfully, and the study of a nation's cookery surely helps bring a feeling of neighborliness.

I have worked out the two menus, thinking it would be help-

ful to have a longer and more hearty one for dinners attended by the men of the church, and a lighter one for luncheons of women's groups.

In preparing the menus I have kept in mind that the recipes included should be easily adaptable for increasing the quantity of ingredients and not require extensive preparation. I have given several choices, for the dishes are so delicious that I found it impossible to narrow myself to one. On the dinner menu, I finally chose Egyptian Shourba. Several Near Eastern nations have a similar soup using egg and lemon. I list several meat ball recipes. All are good, and I imagine a recipe using

DINNER MENU

- Hors d'Oeuvre:* Tivaleen (#1, 2, 4) p. 177 Israel
Soup Shourba (Egyptian Consommé) p. 80
 (Choice) Fasoulosoupa (White Bean Soup) p. 94 Greece
Entrée Kabab Karaz (Meat and Cherries) p. 129 Iran (cooked
 (Choice) according to the variation method, bottom p. 129)
 Kharput Koufta (Armenian Meat Balls) p. 47
 Youvarlakia (Meat Balls) p. 105 Greece
 Koefta (Meat Balls) p. 238 Turkey
 Kaaldolmar (Meat in Cabbage Leaves) p. 150 Iraq
Rice Printz Pilaf p. 52 Armenia
 (Choice) Ruz Mufalfal p. 211 Syria and Lebanon
 Oriz p. 71 Bulgaria
Salad Yaz Salata (Raw Vegetable Salad) p. 27 Armenia
 (Choice) Salata (Mixed Vegetable Salad) p. 225 Syria and Lebanon
 Dolmato Salata (Tomato Salad) p. 120 Greece
Bread Khubz (Typical Iraqi bread) p. 164
 (Place bowls of leban (yogurt may be used) on the tables for
 use on bread, on salad or rice. See p. 63.)
Dessert Bouhgasha (Stuffed Sticks) p. 86 Egypt
 (Choice) Keysava (Apricot and Nut Conserve) p. 134 Iran
Coffee Kahve II (Turkish Coffee) p. 260

LUNCHEON MENU

- Soup* Lawz Shorba (Cream of Almond Soup) p. 143 Iraq
Entrée Yarithes Me Rizi (Shrimps with Rice) p. 100 Greece
 (Choice) Tahgen Misri (Rice and Chicken Casserole) p. 83 Egypt
 Cerkez Tavugu (Circassian Chicken) p. 240 Turkey (Pilav
 IV (Nuttet Rice) p. 243 Turkey, would be particularly
 delicious with this dish.)
Salad Hiyar Salatizi (Cucumber Salad) p. 252 Turkey
Dessert Asabi' Zaynab (Zenobia's Fingers) p. 228 Syria
 (Choice) Gharab (Cookies) p. 167 Iraq
Coffee Kahve II (Turkish Coffee) p. 260
Tea Shai Bi-Na'-Na' (Arab Tea) p. 229

ground meat is easier to use for a large dinner than one calling for a roast. Of course, if a group wishes to serve chicken there are many fine chicken recipes.

There are several other points I would like to mention:

1. Eggplant is a favorite vegetable throughout the Near East. However, many church dinners take place when it is not in season so I have not included an egg plant recipe on either menu. I urge though that when eggplant is in season, the dinner committee consider using one of the many eggplant recipes (*See index, p. 266*).

2. I have not included a boughour (cracked wheat) recipe for boughour is not readily obtainable in all parts of the country. It can easily be ordered from any of the shops listed on p. 263 and is a tasty and nutritious dish, but rice is available everywhere and is just as much a staple item at Near Eastern meals. Therefore, on both dinner and luncheon menus rice is a "must."

3. You may wonder why I have not listed a shish kebab recipe since everyone thinks of shish kebab when you say anything about Near Eastern cookery. The reason is that I do not think it would be practicable to prepare shish kebab for more than a dozen people in the broilers in most church kitchens. That is why I suggest on the dinner menu that Kabab Karaz be prepared in a frying pan.

4. Even though the Near East is noted for its succulent fish recipes I have not included any because it is difficult to be sure that everyone attending a large dinner or luncheon will like fish. If at a small circle or class luncheon in a member's home, the hostess can find out in advance that all who are coming like fish, she could well select one of the fish recipes.

THE CONFERENCE TABLE

EVERY WOMAN SERVING THROUGH HER CHURCH

WHAT GIFTS CAN DO

The Relationship between White Cross Packages and Christmas on our Mission Fields at Home and Abroad

Christmas on American Baptist mission fields is a happy time because during the summer months we here at home have been thinking, planning and packing Christmas boxes. Listen—and you will understand how much these gifts mean to our missionaries and their friends.

Mrs. Gustaf Sword Rangoon, Burma, says it this way. "The little ones will love the dolls for Christmas and the work bags with a reel of cotton will give a thrill to many a house wife. Again we, thank you."

Here is an excerpt from a letter from Rev. A. T. Fishman at Jangaon, South India, "The little rag dolls and the dolls and the animals made from oil cloth, we simply can't get enough."

Miss Beatrice Ericson, China, wrote, "Of course there were bags of candy for the children and also little books of Christmas cards for each child. For the adults there was a Chinese Christmas supper in a candle lit room and a Christmas tree. Each was given a towel, a wash rag, and a bar of soap. Again our hearty thanks for White Cross boxes."

A missionary from Belgian Congo writes, "I do want to thank you and your helpers for the White Cross boxes, and your share in preparing them."


Miss Elsie Larson of South India says at the close of a letter, "I have been saving the soap, talcum powder, and combs as well as the toys and dolls for Christmas."

At Christmas time in the U. S. A. many children have too many toys and gifts. Let us share with others and show our love for Christ.

"God so loved the World that He gave —" May we so love that we continue to give, because love reaches out to bind up wounds, to clothe a new born child, to prepare a body for burial, to bring understanding to the discouraged, to bring happiness to a little child. Love reaches out — through White Cross.

A missionary in Puerto Rico writes of the woman who, aged, lonely, and bedridden, was being cared for in the home of a charitable neighbor who was willing to care for her friend's needs as best as she could but who had no bedding for her warmth and comfort. Sheets and bed spread were supplied from White Cross boxes and patches and thread were given that the patient could make for herself a quilt for the bed. Now her illness is bearable. She is warm in body and comfortable in mind because she is at work with her hands and happy in the love of Christian friends.



Out in Arizona a young Indian woman and her husband knocked on the missionary's door one evening last winter bringing their one-month-old baby girl so that the missionary family might advise them what to do with the infant who was ill. With the help of the missionary and his wife




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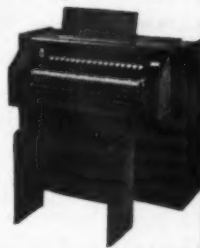
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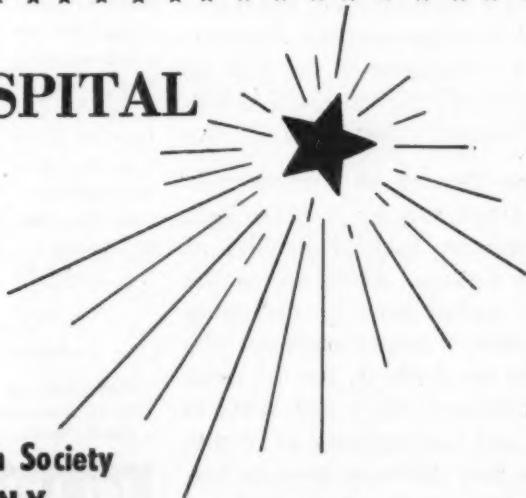
CHRISTMAS at the NELLORE HOSPITAL

DR. LENA A. BENJAMIN wrote: "At Christmas we used to have a party for the former patients and friends to give the Gospel message to Hindus and Mohammedans. . . . The nurses gave a Christmas pageant—a Bible woman read the story."

The light of the Star still Shines

For further information write to
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BOOK REVIEWS

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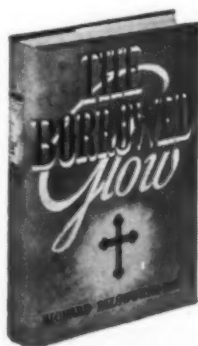
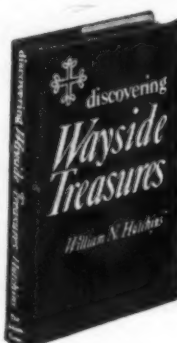
✿ **THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE**, by *Edward T. Ramsdell*, presents the major aspects of a biblical theology. In the initial chapter, dealing with the problem of perspectives, he stresses the importance of "evaluations of significance" in every quest for authority, and concludes that "Christian faith is a perspective of reason like any other in so far as it is constituted by an evaluation of significance." After pointing to the self-imposed restrictions of the logical positivist, the naturalist and the idealist, he asserts the ultimate validity of the Christian perspective, because it is unhampered by the necessity for being a mere intellectual formulation. The author proceeds to a presentation of the historic Christian doctrines—the Incarnation, Sin, which is basically the setting up by man of himself as of primary importance, the Cross, seen in the light of man's need for repentance, and the Atonement. The author touches each of these areas of Christian thought and experience with clarity of expression indicative of personal experience and discipline in the Christian life. Particularly lucid are his analyses of the traditional doctrines and the freedomist formulations of the Fall of Man and of Original Sin. (Abingdon-Cokesbury; 203 pages; \$2.50.)

✿ **THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS**, by *William Neil*, Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Kings College, Aberdeen, is the latest commentary in the series on Moffatt's New Testament. The author has brought, for the average minister, many new texts to light, and has produced an erudite study that discloses, beneath textual and apocalyptic problems, vital spiritual messages that are

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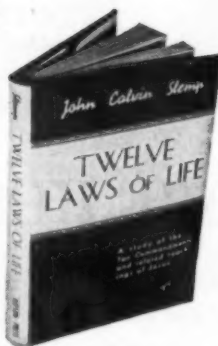


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✿ **EXPOSITION OF GENESIS**, by *H. C. Leupold*, Professor of Old Testament at Capital University Seminary, is a verse by verse commentary on *The Book of Genesis*. Each chapter is introduced by a general summary of its contents, and closes with a paragraph on "Homiletical Suggestions." The greatest value of the work is found in the author's admirable knowledge of Hebrew, which he skillfully uses to give new meaning to obscure verses. (Baker; 2 vol., 1220 pages; \$7.00.)

Books Received

WINDOWS TOWARD GOD, A collection of 86 brief meditations, by *Charles H. Schmitz*, 192 pages, \$1.25

LIVING AS COMRADES, a Study of Factors Making for Community, by *Daniel J. Fleming*, Foreign Missions Conference, 180 pages, \$1.50.

THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE OF GRACE, by *H. D. Gray*, Independent Press (London), 264 pages, 8 shillings, 6 pence (\$1.50)

THE TEAKWOOD PULPIT and Other Stories for Junior Worship, a compilation of 34 brief stories for junior worship services, by *Alice Geer Kelsey*, Abingdon Cokesbury, 159 pages, \$1.75

A GOSPEL FOR THE SOCIAL AWAKENING, selections from the writings of *Walter Rauschenbusch*, compiled by *Benjamin E. Mays*, Association Press, 188 pages, \$2.00.

A TREASURY OF SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS, a collection of 2,400 brief stories, poems, and anecdotes, completely indexed, edited by *Charles L. Wallis*, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 319 pages, \$3.50.

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS, the famous allegory of *John Bunyan* rewritten for young people, by *Wade C. Smith*, W. A. Wilde Co., 104 pages, \$1.75.

A YEAR OF CHILDREN'S SERMONS, a collection of 53 sermons for children, from New Year through to Christmas,

by Joseph A. Schofield, Jr., W. A. Wilde Co., 219 pages, \$1.75.

In The Chin Hills

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soul it was to see thousands gathered around the tiny lake, then to see 11 pastors baptizing at the same time until 373 converts had obeyed the command of Christ! We heard the strong choir voices roll out familiar hymns over the water. As I watched the scene I had tears in my eyes, knowing that only 50 years ago a lonely American and his wife arrived at this very spot, and there were no Christians at all. Now, thank God, the harvest has come."



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Tidings from the Fields

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internado, each with a chair which she placed in a circle around the gayly laden Christmas tree. Christmas carols sung in Spanish filled the early morning air as the girls waited for the cook, laundress, carpenter, and other helpers to come and share this happiness.

At last all arrived, and hearts hushed with reverence as God's Word was read, and each head bowed as the night watchman led in a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for sending His unspeakable gift to this world. More carols were sung until out of the missionary home to the tune of jolly bells came a chuckling Santa Claus. Greeting each happy girl, servant, and missionary, he began to unburden the loaded tree. There was a package for each girl containing a lovely hair barrette, and a "sweet bomb." For the servants there was a bonus and some personal item, plus perhaps a tea strainer, bars of soap for the laundresses, and new brooms for the cleaning girls given as a joke to be used in their work.

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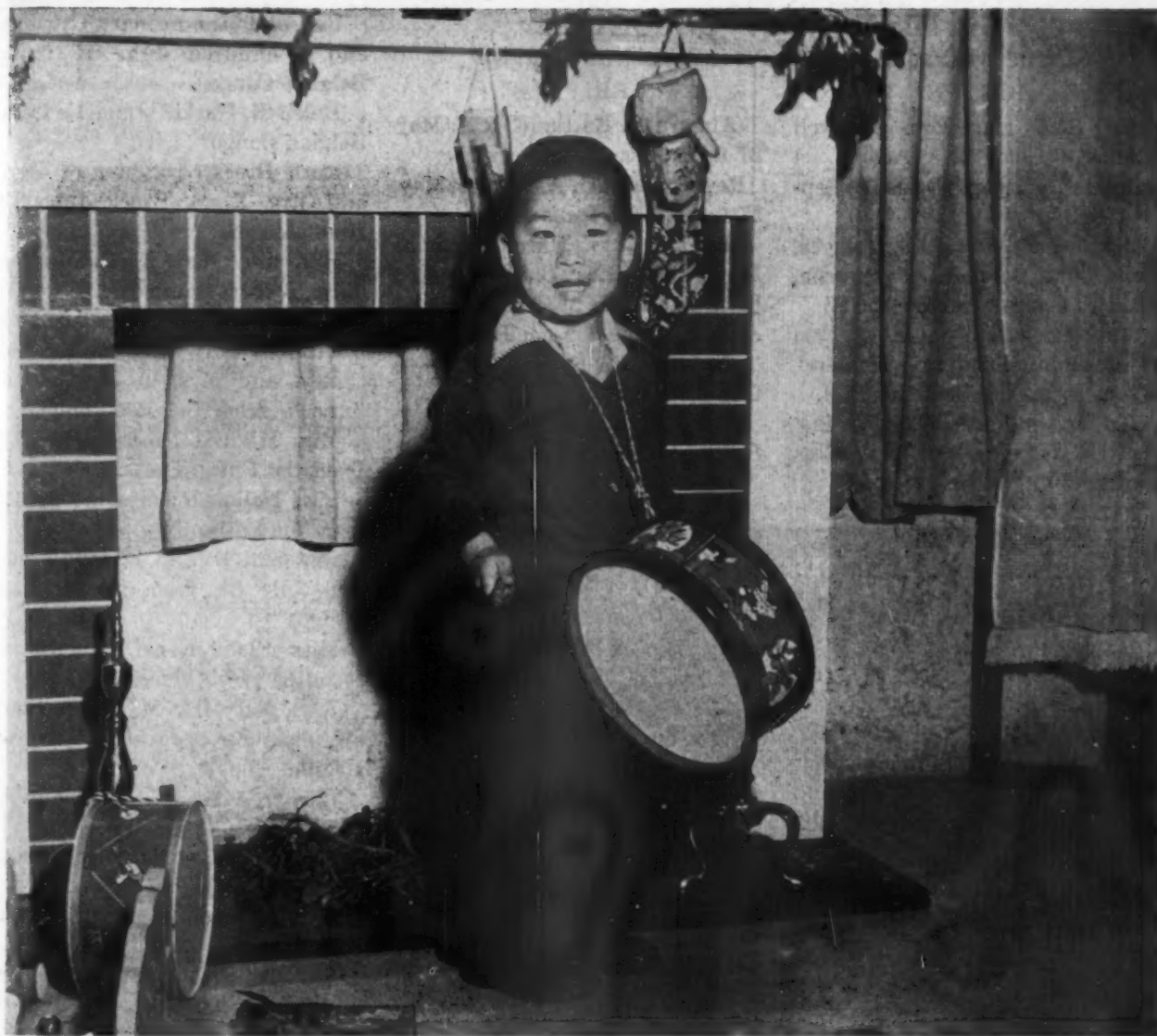
to Mary Bonar. The children made beautiful book ends with the inscription "Christ for All." They were proud to take these home.

The Intermediate Department planned a birthday party for a group of boys and girls at the Weirton Christon Center, at Weirton, West Virginia. They made invitations, favors, brought and wrapped presents, and planned and bought refreshments. This department also made a beautiful book of our home and foreign missionaries, which included pictures and letters concerning the work of the missionaries. At the closing program of our school the book was presented to the president of the Women's Missionary Union of our church. We feel that the women of our church will be more grateful for the work of our missionaries because of this book.

Our total missionary offering was \$29.10. This was designated for Thomasine Allen, a rural village missionary in Japan.

Besides the projects two missionary movies were shown. The children learned many Bible verses, songs, and stories of many who have answered the call of the Great Commission. I feel that they have a deeper desire to help carry on the missionary work, and because of our school, a greater missionary spirit is present in our church. *Mrs. Lowell Doss.*

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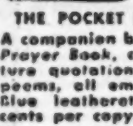
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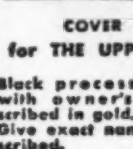
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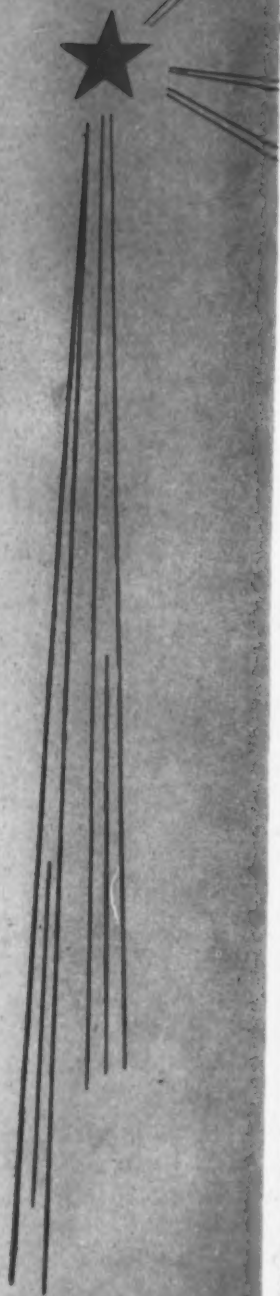
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